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Executive Committee Asks Sunday School Board To Begin Development of Glorieta

NASHVILLE, Tenn.—(BP)—The Sunday School Board was given a green light by the Executive Committee, Dr. Duke K. McCall, executive-secretary, for the development of the western assembly at Glorieta, N. Mex., just as soon as a clear title to the property can be obtained. The approval was made in keeping with an action of the convention last May in Oklahoma City. The Executive Committee was in session here for its mid-winter meeting.

The name of the Public Relations Committee will be changed to the Public Affairs Commission, if a recommendation of the Executive Committee is adopted by the 1950 Southern Baptist Convention. The move came out of a report of the Administrative Committee of the Executive Committee, Dr. J. M. Dawson, Washington, D. C., will continue as director of the Public Affairs Commission.

Moore To Visit South America
Dr. Merrill D. Moore, director of promotion, was authorized to visit South American mission fields in the near future.

The title of Mr. Albert McClellan, director of publicity for the Executive Committee of the Southern Baptist Convention, was changed to director of publications, more descriptive of his duties. He is editor of The Baptist Program, a monthly magazine for ministers with 22,000 circulation, the Baptist Bulletin Service, 500,000 weekly, the SBC Tract and Mat Service, and director of the Baptist Press.

Dr. Duke K. McCall, was instructed to contract for an auditorium in San Francisco in which to conduct the 1951 convention. The authorization came after a full consideration of a survey recently completed to determine popularity among Baptist ministers of a decision made last year to

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**American Bible Society
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Brookhaven Bible Conference To Begin Monday Night, Jan. 9

DRS. DAY, HILL, HUDSON TO BE LECTURERS

Dr. R. Lofton Hudson, pastor of the First Church, Shawnee, Oklahoma, will be the speaker for the Brotherhood meeting at First Church, Brookhaven, on Monday evening, January 9, which will begin their second annual Bible Conference.

Following the Brotherhood banquet, the Bible Conference sessions will open with Dr. Richard Ellsworth Day,



SLATER A. MURPHY
Dr. Slater A. Murphy, pastor, Highland Heights Church, Memphis, will speak at the North Mississippi Preachers' Institute, Ecru, January 18-20. Dr. Murphy is a native of Mississippi.

Preachers' Institute To Meet At Ecru

The North Mississippi Baptist Preachers' Institute will meet January 18-20 at Ecru Church, according to an announcement by Rev. M. J. Gilbert, secretary of Rural Church Work. Rev. H. H. Ward is pastor at Ecru.

The principal speakers will be Rev. C. C. Weaver, Dekalb; Rev. H. H. Aultman, Holly Springs; Rev. R. W. Martin, Batesville; Rev. C. E. (Dan) Patch, Baldwin; Dr. William P. Davis, associate executive secretary, Mississippi Baptist Convention Board; and Dr. Slater A. Murphy, Memphis.

The noon and evening meals will be served at the church. All pastors and laymen in that area are invited to attend. The program will begin at 9:00 in the morning and continue until 3:30 in the afternoon. The sessions will resume at 6:00 and con-

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The Year In Religion

By WINFRED E. GARRISON

(Professor Emeritus of Church History, University of Chicago)

LATEST AVAILABLE STATISTICS, WHICH ARE FOR 1948, SHOW THAT CHURCH MEMBERS ARE 53.3 PER CENT OF THE POPULATION OF THE UNITED STATES. THE DISTRIBUTION IS PRACTICALLY UNCHANGED—60 PER CENT PROTESTANT, 33 PER ROMAN CATHOLIC, 6 PER CENT JEWISH. THE PERCENTAGE INCREASE WAS A LITTLE MORE THAN FOR THE PREVIOUS YEAR—PROTESTANT, 2.98 PER CENT; CATHOLIC, 3.09 PER CENT.

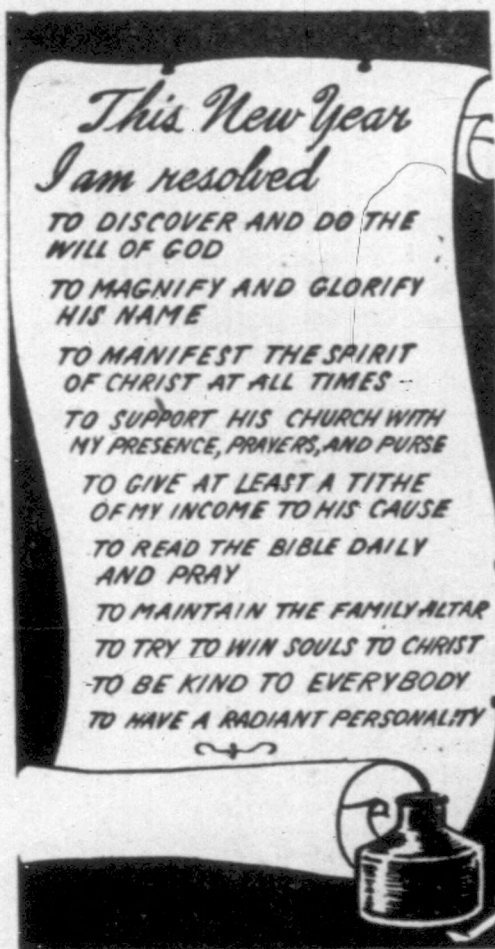
The most striking religious statistics are those released in the World Christian Handbook showing figures for communicant memberships and for what is called the "Christian communities" in non-Christian countries since 1925. In most areas, both of these have been multiplied by a factor of from 4 to 10, and in some places by much more than that.

Even if, as seems possible, some error has crept in through taking too low a figure for the base year, the growth during this quarter-century of modern missionary work has been spectacular, in spite of the aftermath of one world war and the desolating impact of another.

**Year Marked By
Advance Movements**

In the United States, the year has been marked by "advance movements" and "crusades" conducted by many denominations separately and by cooperative agencies. October saw the launching of a 15-months United Evangelistic Advance, sponsored by the Federal Council of Churches with its 27 member denominations (and some others cooperating), the International Council of Religious Education, the United Council of Church Women, and the Home Missions Council.

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New Year's Message

By DR. C. OSCAR JOHNSON
President of the
Baptist World Alliance

Greetings to the Baptists of the World:

It is 1950. A year memorable in the life of our entire world. Most important to the Baptists of the world, because in the middle of the year, July 22 to 27, thousands of our brethren will assemble from many parts of the world in Cleveland, Ohio, for their World Congress.

We send our greetings to you for this New Year. We are praying that it may be a better year than many have hoped. The hour is late. The need of the world is tremendous. The cooperation of our brethren is a delight and a joy. We have many kinds and types of people making up our fellowship. This variety turns out to be a great blessing to all of us. We are made of one blood. Christ alone is our head. Our great Fellowship in its free, democratic practice is persisting with its

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J. B. SMITH TO SPEAK ON MISS. RADIO HOUR



REV. J. B. SMITH

Rev. J. B. Smith, pastor at Magee, will be the speaker on the Mississippi Radio Hour Sunday, January 8. He will be heard over the following stations:

At 8 a. m. over WHBQ, Memphis; WRBC, Jackson; WRJW, Picayune; and at 2 p. m. over WSLI, Jackson.

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off. If this campaign succeeds in activating 100,000 churches to evangelistic effort, as planned, it will make history for 1950; but the initiation of it is part of the record of 1949.

The denominational "crusades" have, for the most part, been in progress for one or two years, or more. They combine, in varying degrees, the objectives of evangelism, the strengthening of denominational institutions and agencies, the extension of missions, and raising funds for the relief of suffering and the rehabilitation of churches in regions impoverished by war.

Special problems have arisen with the extension of Communist control in Asia. The missions boards have left it to the missionaries to decide whether they should stay or come home. Most of them stayed, as did most faculty members of Christian colleges. The work of the churches and schools in most parts of Communist-controlled China is reported as continuing with little interference, and many missionaries believe that it will continue, but they know it will not be easy.

Much Relief Work

Relief work still occupied a large place in the activity of the churches. Church World Service continued to be the central Protestant agency through which many denominations and individuals exercised their benevolence. It sent \$16,000,000 in cash and supplies during 1948, and the figures for 1949 are expected to show an increase.

The Christian Rural Overseas Program (CROP), backed by Protestant Baptist and Catholic agencies and by many farm organizations, had sent 2,120 carloads of food-stuffs in the eight months ending with February, and more thereafter. Its autumn campaign started in September.

The plight of "displaced persons" in Europe has been the object of much concern, but not enough. Roman Catholics have done the most, and next to them the Lutherans, in providing jobs and sponsors for DPs to fulfill the requirements for their admission to the United States.

Many religious organizations of all faiths have urged new legislation to widen the terms of eligibility, extend the period and increase the number that may be admitted. The House of Representatives passed a bill to liberalize the conditions and raise the number from 200,000 to 339,000, but Congress adjourned with the measure still bottled up in a Senate committee. But more sponsors and more jobs are needed even to bring in the DPs eligible under the present law.

Developments Behind Iron Curtain

The close relation between churches and governments in Europe brings religion into the field of politics and makes politics a potent factor in church administration and in limiting religious liberty. A number of developments in the Iron Curtain countries have deep significance both for world politics and for world Christianity. These include:

The life sentence of Cardinal Mindszenty (charged with spying, illegal currency operations and plotting to restore the Hapsburgs) and the imprisonment of the Lutheran Bishop Ordass in Hungary; the jail-

ing of one-third of the Protestant pastors in Bulgaria and long prison terms for many for treasonable communication with Western foreigners and with the World Council of Churches; the suppression in Rumania of the Unit Church, second in size to the State-connected Orthodox Church, with terror tactics both before and after the decree of Dec. 4, 1948, and with a strict system of government control for all churches; the new October "directive of the Czechoslovak Communist government designed to 'domesticate' the churches by giving them State support in return for their acceptance of a degree of control by the government.

In Rumania, all church property is now owned by the State and "loaned" to the churches, on condition of good behavior. In Czechoslovakia, the Communist government has set up its own "Catholic Action" and requires that all theological students take (and pass) courses in Marxist social doctrines. In Poland, the Roman Catholic Church got confirmation of title to its property and Catholic religious teachings in the schools on condition of recognizing the Communist government.

Most European churches, Catholic, Orthodox and Protestant (except a few independents), cling to the State control. Under governments fundamentally hostile to religion, conflict is inevitable. Protestantism in Spain is still given very little liberty by the government, and that little is resented by the hierarchy.

Laymen's organizations in several denominations have assumed new importance. This is illustrated by the activity of the Roman Catholic Knights of Columbus, by the formation of a new National Council of Presbyterian Men, and by the Laymen's League of Disciples of Christ, which held a national assembly at Cane Ridge, Ky., in August, with more than 2,000 men present.

Much Interest In Public Education

Interest in public education centered in three topics: first, the possibility of "released time" for the religious instruction of public school pupils by some system that will not conflict with the Supreme Court's decision in the McCollum case; second, federal aid for pri-



DR. JOHN HILL



DR. R. LOFTON HUDSON



DR. RICHARD E. DAY

Shown above are the three featured speakers who will give two lectures each day, January 10-13, at the Brookhaven Bible Conference meeting at the First Church. They are: Dr. John L. Hill, Book Editor of the Baptist Sunday School Board; Dr. R. Lofton Hudson, pastor of the First Church, Shawnee, Oklahoma; Dr. Richard Ellsworth Day, of Sunnyside, California, a well-known writer.

DR. JOHN E. HUSS HAS RESIGNED the pastorate of The Latonia Baptist Church in Covington, Kentucky, to accept the call of the Southside Baptist Church, Spartanburg, South Carolina. He will begin his new work the week of January 22. During the eight years and eight months at Latonia the membership grew from 982 to 2114 with 1821 additions. Over 1000 of these accessions were by baptism. The Church averaged about 500 at The Hour of Power the mid-week prayer service. Record attendance at the Hour of Power was 1522.

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mary and secondary education, which is generally favored by religious opinion; third, the question as to whether such federal aid should be extended to parochial schools. This last has been the occasion for a definite increase of Catholic-Protestant tensions and for more frank discussion of the issues between the two groups, in relation to public affairs than the country had seen since 1928.

The Congregational Christian Churches and the Evangelical and Reformed Church have completed all the preliminaries for their merger as the United Church of Christ, with about 2,000,000 members. The United Presbyterian Church and the Reformed Church in America (together, 382,000 members) have voted to unite. This action, which met little opposition in their national assemblies, is yet to be ratified by the presbyteries and classes.

Northern Baptists and Disciples of Christ are pursuing a cautious program of mutual acquaintance which is not expected to produce definite union proposals before 1954. Northern and Southern Baptists seem to be moving toward competition in each other's fields, rather than co-operation. Southern Baptists are pushing north, and the Northern Baptist Convention is considering a change of name to "American Baptist Convention" to escape the implication of geographical limits. Presbyterians U. S., and U. S. A., appear to be growing, rather than working, in the direction of union, but without haste. Lutherans in the United States are stirred by a movement to federate and perhaps eventually merge their many bodies. (Copyright 1949 by Religious News Service)

BROOKHAVEN BIBLE CONFERENCE

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ence. Dr. Day will base his lectures on the lives of great Christians about whom he has written, and Dr. Hill will give a series of studies on the New Testament. Dr. Hudson, well known throughout the Southern Baptist Convention as a writer and pulpiteer, will present a series of lectures in the afternoons for preachers only on the theme, "How to Build Interesting Sermons."

Preachers from over the state and elsewhere are invited to attend. Overnight accommodations are being offered free in Brookhaven homes, and free luncheons will be provided for preachers at the church each day. Refreshments will be served in the afternoons and open forums will be held by each of the three featured speakers. A tour of the city missions program sponsored by the First Church will be conducted on Tuesday afternoon, January 10, and on Thursday night after the conference sessions the Preachers' Stag Party, which was so much enjoyed by preachers in attendance last year, will be held. A party for preachers' wives is also being planned for the same time.

Preachers who desire overnight lodging in homes should write at once to the First Baptist Church for reservations.

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EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE ASKS

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held the 1951 convention in San Francisco. The Southern Baptist Convention has never met outside the traditional South or its border cities. The survey showed that 66 per cent of the ministers favored the San Francisco meeting place. However, it was pointed out that a questionnaire concerning meeting in San Francisco was sent to pastors only and not to laymen.

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PREACHERS INSTITUTE

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tinue until 8:00 in the evening. South Mississippi Institute Meets January 24-26

The South Mississippi Institute will meet at Columbia January 24-26 and the Central Mississippi Institute at Newton January 30-February 3. The Newton meeting will be held in connection with the Associational Missionaries Institute.

The purpose of these institutes is for Bible study, Christian fellowship, exchange of ideas and general promotion of our overall program.

Mississippi Baptists—Your Secretary Says:

"Love Never Fails." I Corinthians 13:8

I
In the death of "Billy" W. Y. Guilbert, we lose for awhile a good friend and one of the best laymen we knew. Billy was a Christian layman—place the emphasis where you will! He was a member of one of the most unique Christian groups we have known. Among others in this band were Dr. Julius Crister, George Sugg, Chalmers Alexander, Jr., and the inimitable Ike Garber! They gave testimony for Christ over this state and beyond. They were soul winners!

We have called them again and again to go 50-100 miles to help in services of worship. They gladly responded.

They mean so much to our ministry! They have meant much to others.

John, chapters 14-17. Numbers 6:24-26.

II

NOTICE TO ALL CONCERNED: The Executive Committee will hold its first meeting of the year, Tuesday afternoon, January 17, 1:00 p. m. Those desiring to appear before it will please take notice.

The Executive Committee is again sensibly allowed to give help to various causes. If the Convention Board failed to give help because of a lack of money, the Executive Committee may help. However, if help was refused because of some failure on your part in qualifying, the Committee may hesitate or be forced to refuse help. This one thing we know—the desire is there to help! It might be well for you to get a statement from a member of the Committee that handled your request.

In the matter of new applications that for good reason were not in order at the time of the Board meeting it will only be needful for you to have the application in proper form and signed by the designated association official.

III

For the most part applications for State Mission help during these years have been handled by warm hearted spiritual individuals. We find it easy to want to help those pastors and churches on weak, needy, growing fields. Some of them have their backs to the wall. Some walk in heart-breaking experiences.

This thing is significant—for two or three recent years when we helped just about every call for help that came we did our best work as a denomination—we started baptizing more people, we gave more money to Him! That did not just happen! The cooperation of the churches was not the main thing.

We claimed the Blessings of God! And you cannot beat that!

IV

The Convention Board found it timely in answering the needy calls to use some of the Surplus and Reserve on hand as shown by the following items from their procedures:

"\$15,000 added to Church Building Evangelism charged from Surplus and/or Reserve.

"\$866.54 balance due on Negro Baptist Seminary for last year's operation, be paid out of last year's surplus.

"\$10,000 out of State Mission Surplus to Starkville Church.

"\$1,200 to Jackson County Association for Associational Missions provided from Reserve and/or Surplus.

"\$5,000 each to Summit, Wesson, and Immanuel of Hattiesburg, paid from Reserve and/or Surplus."

V

Turn to pages 19-27 of the current copy of the Mississippi Baptist Convention annual for an interesting study of the membership of official groups.

An effort has been made to make more representative membership on the various Boards. We doubt to date if much progress has been made.

It seems to be true that only one fam-

ily holds as many as three Board memberships. The Hederman Brothers are that lone exception. Mr. T. M. Hederman, Jr., is a trustee to the Baptist Foundation; Mr. Zachary Hederman is trustee to the Baptist Hospital; and, Mr. Robert Hederman, Jr., is a Mississippi College trustee.

However, you will want to make the study yourself and will probably clip and preserve the list as follows:

TRUSTEES BAPTIST FOUNDATION—Term Expires 1950: T. M. Hederman, Jr., Jackson; Rex Reed, Tupelo; E. O. Murrell, McComb. Term Expires 1951: Leland Speed, Jackson; C. O. Dean, Leland; W. N. Puckett, Columbus. Term Expires 1952: J. N. Barron, Crystal Springs; Dan. R. McGehee, Meadville; Henry Riser, Laurel.

TRUSTEES OF MISSISSIPPI BAPTIST HOSPITAL—Term Expires 1950: Vernon May, Hollandale; J. S. Love, Jackson; Will Jacobs, Jackson; C. M. Day, Durant; Zachary Hederman, Jackson. Term Expires 1951: Harvey Hedgepeth, Jackson; M. L. Flynt, Meridian; O. P. Moore, Newton; Mrs. J. A. Anderson, Belzoni; Charley Barge, Jackson. Term Expires 1952: John E. Stone, Jackson; W. C. Hester, Jackson; C. A. Roper, Hazlehurst; Dr. George Townsend, Morton; Owen Cooper, Yazoo City.

TRUSTEES BAPTIST MEMORIAL HOSPITAL—Term Expires 1950: Ira B. Seale, Holly Springs; P. M. P. Self, Marks; C. G. Bobo, Lyon. Term Expires 1951: E. D. Elliott, Greenville; J. B. Middleton, Bruce; Dr. H. L. Cockerham, Gunnison. Term Expires 1952: M. P. Moore, Senatobia; J. Murphy Thomas, Jr., Tupelo; J. B. Perry, Jr., Grenada.

TRUSTEES BAPTIST ORPHANAGE—Term Expires 1950: John E. Barnes, Hattiesburg; Forrest Cooper, Indianola; Joe H. McCully, Louisville; Hermon Dean, Canton; M. G. Reedy, Sardis; J. V. Young, Collins. Term Expires 1951: A. B. Williams, McComb; Ralph Hester, Jackson; R. Y. Gerrard, Morton; J. T. Hill, Pascagoula; W. A. Huff, Forest; Owen Williams, Ufca. Term Expires 1952: W. Harold Cox, Jackson; Lyle Corey, Meridian; T. M. Dickson, Jackson; T. J. Biggs, Crystal Springs; Lester Brown, Kosciusko; James Jordan, Vicksburg.

MISSISSIPPI COLLEGE TRUSTEES—Term Expires 1950: C. E. Young, Liberty; Frisby Marble, Leland; L. E. Green, Prentiss; W. A. Sullivan, Natchez; N. R. McCullough, Hattiesburg. Term Expires 1951: George A. Thornton, Kosciusko; Robert Hederman, Jr., Jackson; Frank McDonald, Meridian; Mrs. Ingram Foster, Prentiss; W. D. Lofton, Brookhaven. Term Expires 1952: Cecil Travis, Jackson; Carroll Gartin, Laurel; Tom Brand, Rolling Fork; Mrs. W. M. Whittington, Greenwood; A. P. Smith, Jr., Monticello.

TRUSTEES BLUE MOUNTAIN COLLEGE—Term Expires 1950: Ira B. Seale, Holly Springs; Paul Owen, New Albany; J. H. Kyzar, Greenwood; D. L. Fair, Louisville; Mrs. J. J. Paschal, Walnut Grove. Term Expires 1951: Harry Carpenter, Rolling Fork; George H. Gay, Ripley; Norman Price, Jackson; Mrs. Belle Ferguson Simmons, Jackson; D. L. Hill, Corinth. Term Expires 1952: Dr. Arch Stacy, Tupelo; Thornton Ray, Pontotoc; Albert G. Guyton, Blue Mountain; Dr. Frank Davis, Corinth; Mrs. W. G. McGill, New Albany.

MISSISSIPPI WOMANS COLLEGE TRUSTEES—Term Expires 1950: C. H. Lipsey, Brookhaven; Mrs. E. Batson, Hillsdale; Ben Stevens, Hattiesburg; Mrs. B. Whitfield, Picayune; Jimmie Pope, Richton. Term Expires 1951: E. L. Byrd, Meridian; Ira D. Eavenson, Marks; Dr. T. E. Ross, Hattiesburg; J.

F. Brock, Moss Point; E. C. Edwards, McComb. Term Expires 1952: John Mixon, Hattiesburg; George Causey, Hattiesburg; Dr. S. E. Lawrence, Columbia; Dr. Charles L. McKay, Pascagoula; Mrs. J. L. Johnson, Jackson.

CLARKE MEMORIAL COLLEGE TRUSTEES—Term Expires 1950: S. L. Stringer, Jackson; Mrs. Jeff Kent, Forest; Horace Headrick, Laurel; W. A. Taylor, Louisville; Claude Bennett, Stafford Springs. Term Expires 1951: J. A. Tidwell, Newton; J. H. Street, Laurel; E. L. Morgan, Newton; C. D. Shields, Meridian; A. E. Mason, Meridian. Term Expires 1952: John Hill, Union; W. L. Compere, Jackson; David Cranford, Indianola; S. E. Sumrall, Lake; Homer Roberson, Greenville.

BOARD OF MINISTERIAL EDUCATION—Term Expires 1950: W. E. Strange, Clinton; W. L. McMullan, Newton; R. L. Wallace, Raymond. Term Expires 1951: A. A. Kitchings, Clinton; W. A. Hewitt, Jackson; John W. Cook, Decatur. Term Expires 1952: W. H. Sumrall, Hattiesburg; Eugene Farr, Newton; W. R. Cooper, Jackson.

MISSISSIPPI EDUCATION COMMISSION—Term Expires 1950: W. A. Bell, Winona; A. A. Roebuck, Aberdeen; Zack Huggins, Quitman. Term Expires 1951: Floyd Barnes, Jackson; Douglas Hudgins, Jackson; Joe Odle, Gulfport. Term Expires 1952: Frank Moody Purser, Oxford; Wilfred Lee, Leland; R. A. McLeomore, Hattiesburg.

Signed: Committee on Nominations

VI

Read Through The Bible This Year 1950!

"Give attendance to reading." I Timothy 4:13. This is spiritual counsel from a great preacher to a young preacher and to all Christians. Give yourself to reading. He has just admonished the young leader in purity. Take heed to reading.

A growing Christian feeds his mind and heart in reading. The word of God is the food. "As newborn babes, desire the sincere milk of the word, that ye may grow thereby." I Peter 2:2. Read Hebrews 5:11-14.

"But GROW." II Peter 3:18. Nehemiah 8:1-12 is a great passage upon the reading of the word of God and worship of God!

Reading is a matter of taste and taste is according to nature.

News stands are filled with filthy literature. Why? Because so many people have that sort of taste. Why? Because these people have filthy natures. Jesus in Matthew 12:32-45. Romans 1:29-32.

There is a yellow journalism that keeps the minds of certain people at fever heat. The purpose is to confuse and lead away from the right.

Do you think Paul or John or Truett or Scarborough or other saints would feed themselves upon this stuff?

Some people shout against indecent shows, and so they ought, but they allow literature, magazines, and papers into their homes containing the same indecencies, nudity, lies, smear, etc.

Several people have been to us about a paper advertising liquor and writing dry editorials. We cannot say for we do not subscribe. These persons objected to the paper being praised as a "dry." At least they had more respect for the papers that play "one tune."

The Bible continues as the best seller! The Word of God is still the Book of Heaven! It is still the Jesus-Book! It tells how one may be saved! It is food for the mind and heart!

A young man recently amazed preachers and laymen at his use of the Bible! Give heed to reading!

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GIVE THE WORD OF GOD TO HUNGRY-HEARTED PEOPLE!

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CHARLES WELLBORN TO BE BAPTIST HOUR SPEAKER FOR NEXT THREE MONTHS



REV. CHARLES WELLBORN

The Baptist Hour speaker for the first three months of 1950 will be Rev. Charles Wellborn, of Southwestern Theological Seminary, Fort Worth. Widely known as an evangelist and speaker on college campuses, Mr. Wellborn has, on two separate occasions, won national awards in oratory and debating.

An honor graduate of Baylor University, Waco, Texas, he later served as a professor of Economics at the school.

Mr. Wellborn was in the Armed Forces during the war. He served the U. S. Ski-Troops, and saw months of combat in Europe. He received several decorations for brave action.

The Theme of Mr. Wellborn's thirteen messages on the Baptist Hour will be "Time For Decision." His first topic, for January 1, will be "The Land of Beginning Again."

The Baptist Hour is presented weekly by The Radio Commission of the Southern Baptist Convention as contribution to the religious life America, and is broadcast from Baptist Radio Center, Atlanta, Georgia.

Stations in Mississippi over which the Baptist Hour may be heard 2:30 p. m. Sunday:

WSLI, Jackson; WTOK, Meridian; WGCM, Gulfport; and over WFO Hattiesburg at 3 p. m.

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AREA WIDE EVANGELISTIC CAMPAIGN PLANNED FOR JACKSON MAR. 5-7, 1950

The large city auditorium of Jackson has been rented by Rev. Hen Bucklew, as the location for the area wide Evangelistic Campaign set for March 5, 6, 7, 1950. A number of speakers have been requested to participate. Among these are: Doctor Robert G. Lee, W. A. Criswell, Ze Wall, J. D. Grey and Lee Robinson. The Choirs asked to furnish special music include: Mississippi College Millsaps College, and Belhaven College.

Dr. Lee Robinson of Chattanooga, Tennessee, pastor of Highland Park Baptist Church, who led the nation in baptisms the past year will bring the opening address on Sunday afternoon, March 5, at 3 p. m.

Dr. Robert G. Lee, pastor of Bellevue Baptist Church and president of the Southern Baptist Convention, has consented to deliver on the closing night of March 7 at 8 p. m. his famous sermon, "Pay Day Some Day."

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Our Thanks

We are grateful for the large number of friends who sent Christmas greetings. It is impossible to acknowledge all of them. We are asking all to accept these words of our thanks with the wish that 1950 may be the most prosperous year you have ever known both spiritually and materially.

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Some Goals for 1950

1949 is gone; 1950 is here. Doubtless 1949 will go down in history as one of the most eventful years of all time. As we enter 1950 there is (and should be) a spirit of solemnity, comparable to the calm following a storm.

Even though the past year was fruitful in achievements, we have not come near our maximum possibilities for God. God has set before Mississippi Baptists challenging opportunities and possibilities. He is saying to us, "I know thy works; behold, I have set before thee an open door and no man can shut it."

Let every Baptist in Mississippi make the year 1950 the most significant and glorious year in Mississippi Baptist history. We are judged by the conduct of all and not by the faithful and consecrated ones. No chain is stronger than its weakest link. Weak, careless, indifferent, lazy and sinning Baptists will hinder the work of the Lord and cause many unworthy remarks to be made about those who least deserve them.

Surely all of us desire to face this new year realistically. We want our lives to be altogether worthwhile. If we are to make this year count, if we are to invest our best, there are some imperatives which must be given careful consideration. Let us put ourselves to the task of making 1950 the great-

est year of our lives and in the life of our denomination.

As we face the new year let us take stock as Baptists. That is what the wise business man does. He takes inventory.

1. Mississippi Baptists are great in numerical strength. Approximately one-half of the church members of Mississippi are Baptists.

2. Mississippi Baptists have a great God. Even though we have acted foolishly about many things and given stingily in many instances, he continues to bless us and give us great prosperity.

3. Mississippi Baptists are great in the number of churches. These churches, large and small, city and country, weak and small are, in varying degrees, trying to win the lost and to enlist the saved. Few people in Mississippi are beyond the reach of some Baptist church.

4. Mississippi Baptists have a great group of preachers. Their zeal is excelled by none, their consecration matches that of any other group. They not only faithfully serve their flocks but are constantly seeking out other places on the highways and in the hedges where they may tell the gospel story.

5. Mississippi Baptists have the cash. In generations gone by most Baptists came from the lower levels, financially speaking, but not so today. There are Baptists from every strata of society. Some of the leaders, socially, politically, financially and mentally are numbered among our constituency.

6. Mississippi Baptists have a great message. Steering clear of modernism, staying close to the Bible and refusing all entangling alliances they preach Christ as Savior and Lord. Sticking close to the New Testament pattern, they do not have to waste time in explaining any unscriptural practices.

With such resources and almost unlimited possibilities, we list below some resolutions that should challenge all blood-bought, Christ-loving and God-serving Baptists.

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MIAMI, Fla.—(RNS)—Ministers and laymen of 28 Baptist churches here are seeking to prevail upon the owners of grocery stores to eliminate liquor from their shelves. The Baptists are particularly aiming at the big grocery chain stores, which often offer cut prices on wines and beer.

A resolution adopted by the Miami Baptist Association calls for an eventual boycott where cooperation is not given, and asks Baptists to patronize the stores which comply. Women of the churches are being urged to aid by sending letters, by dropping notes in store boxes, and by personal appeals.

GOING PLACES

By A. L. GOODRICH

COLLINS

Collins Baptist church, under the leadership of the new pastor, Rev. W. B. Abel, is in high gear.

During August and September there have been 28 additions. All organizations are progressing in a pleasing manner. Some of the organizations have been completed and others changed.

Plans for the future are big. A budget of \$19,905 has been adopted. Plans are being made to remodel the present building and add an up-to-date educational building. It is hoped to begin building in the spring.

Covington county Record readers are now listen as follows: Calvary, 9; Collins, 59; Leaf River, 32; Lebanon, 33; Mt. Horeb, 39; Mt. Olive, 122; New Hope, 41; Ora, 2; Rock Hill, 1; Salem, 113; Sanford, 36; Seminary, 41; Willhamsburg, 41; Willow Grove, 38.

ECRU HAS OFFICIAL FAMILY PLAN

The Baptist Record is glad to welcome Ecruc Church on the list of churches that have adopted the Official Family Plan of the Baptist Record.

The pastor, Rev. A. H. Ward, writes that he also hopes to enlist all the members as subscribers in the near future.

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STRONG RIVER, SIMPSON COUNTY

Because of the fact that Strong River church, Simpson county is without a pastor, we had the privilege of supplying for them on a recent Sunday.

Although pastorless, the church organizations continue to carry on. A good crowd was on hand for the morning service and there was one addition.

Simpson county Baptist Record readers are now listed as follows: Antioch, 16; Beulah, 72; Braxton, 49; Coats, 16; D'Lo, 2; Bethlehem (Fork), 49; Goodwater, 17; Harrisville, 40; Jupiter, 26; Macedonia, 55; Magee, 179; Mendenhall, 105; Mt. Zion, 97; New Hope, 21; Oak Grove, 64; Palestine, 32; Pine Grove, 32; Pinola, 49; Pleasant Hill, 66; Pleasant Valley, 44; Poplar Springs, 40; Shivers, 31; Siloam, 31; Strong River, 34; New Bethlehem, 10; Everett, 12; Holley Grove, 34.

SLICK GREENE LEADS PROVIDENCE TO ADOPT EF PLAN

Wherever Rev. W. A. (Slick) Greene serves as pastor the Baptist Record also serves as assistant pastor.

Heretofore Providence Church, Franklin County, of which Mr. Greene is pastor has been on the yearly paid list but recently the church switched to the EVERY FAMILY PLAN.

G. C. Oglesby is the treasurer. Franklin County now has Record readers listed as follows: Bude, 50; Concord, 27; Damascus, 36; Eddice-ton, 1; Hamburg, 34; Hopewell, 20;

40 & 25 YEARS AGO

By REV. J. L. BOYD, SR.
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Pastor R. A. Kimbrough was assisted in the annual revival with the Lowrey Memorial Church, Blue Mountain by Dr. G. H. Crutcher, Home Board Evangelist, during which "about 82 professions and renewals, 27 approved for baptism, and 19 joined by letter."

25 YEARS AGO

"One of the most helpful meetings ever" was closed with West Point Church in which Pastor E. J. Caswell had as his helper Dr. John Jeter Hurt of Jackson, Tenn., resulting in "nearly 50 additions to the membership."

Pastor R. A. Kimbrough reports "a fine meeting" in the Charleston Church, resulting in 61 for baptism and 11 by letter. Rev. W. E. Farr of Grenada preached.

Auber J. Wilds and Pastor B. H. Lovelace of the Clinton Church taught in the BYPU Training School, with 169 students of Mississippi College and Hillman College enrolled, 118 receiving diplomas and 51 receiving seals. The enrollment in the six Senior BYPU's of the church is 250, "and growing all the time."

Dr. W. A. Hewitt assisted Pastor H. H. Webb in the Moorhead Church revival in which there were 32 added to the membership.

The Water Valley Church closed a successful meeting with 30 additions; Rev. J. G. Lott, pastor.

The revival meeting of the Clinton Church closed with "about twenty added to the church" and twenty young people announcing their purpose of life-long special service.

JUDGE ORDERS PRIEST TO BLESS CRYPT

DENVER—(RNS)—A Roman Catholic priest here has been ordered by a county judge to bless the crypt of a woman buried in a nonCatholic cemetery against her wishes.

The body of Mrs. Lena Nosek, who died a year ago, was placed in the Fairmount Cemetery mausoleum, though her relatives found later, on opening her will, that she wished to be buried at Mount Olivet, a Catholic cemetery. Mrs. Nosek was converted to Catholicism shortly before her death.

Father Joseph G. Forquer, O. P., of St. Dominic's church, said Mrs. Nosek had been given the last rites of the Church, but that her grave had not been blessed because the ground was not consecrated.

County Judge C. Edgar Kettering ordered Father Forquer to bless the crypt so that the terms of Mrs. Nosek's will, calling for a Catholic burial, might be carried out. The judge indicated his duty was to see that no deceased person is deprived of anything asked in a will.

Father Forquer said he would bless the crypt shortly. He explained that he was not allowed under Church law to accompany the body to a non-Catholic cemetery at the time of burial, but could go there afterward.

Lucien, 35; McCall Creek, 17; Meadville, 45; Mt. Zion, 25; New Hope, 7; New Salem, 28; Providence, 44; Quentin, 19; Ramah, 42; Roxie, 63; Sarepta, 32; Siloam, 37; Spring Hill, 2;

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words of our thanks with the wish
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perous year you have ever known
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Some Goals for 1950

1949 is gone; 1950 is here.
Doubtless 1949 will go down in
history as one of the most event-
ful years of all time. As we enter
1950 there is (and should be) a
spirit of solemnity, comparable
to the calm following a storm.

Even though the past year was
fruitful in achievements, we have
not come near our maximum pos-
sibilities for God. God has set be-
fore Mississippi Baptists challeng-
ing opportunities and possibilities.
He is saying to us, "I know thy
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Let every Baptist in Mississippi
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who least deserve them.

Surely all of us desire to face
this new year realistically. We
want our lives to be altogether
worthwhile. If we are to make this
year count, if we are to invest our
best, there are some imperatives
which must be given careful con-
sideration. Let us put ourselves to
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est year of our lives and in the
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As we face the new year let us
take stock as Baptists. That is
what the wise business man does.
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in numerical strength. Approxi-
mately one-half of the church
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tists.

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and given stingily in many instan-
ces, he continues to bless us and
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in the number of churches. These
churches, large and small, city and
country, weak and small are, in
varying degrees, trying to win the
lost and to enlist the saved. Few
people in Mississippi are beyond
the reach of some Baptist church.

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great group of preachers. Their
zeal is excelled by none, their con-
secration matches that of any
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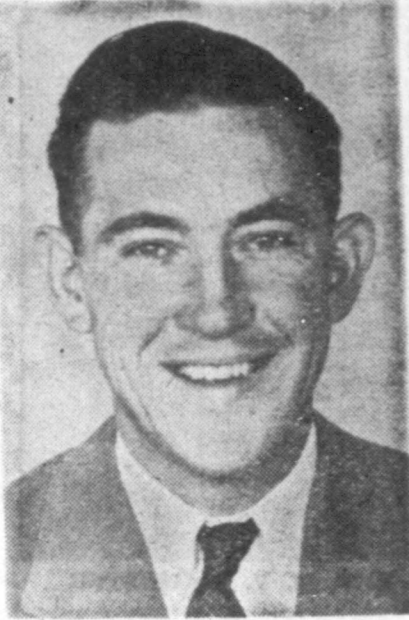
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Baptists Campaign Against Liquor In Grocery Stores

MIAMI, Fla.—(RNS)—Ministers and laymen of 28 Baptist churches here are seeking to prevail upon the owners of grocery stores to eliminate liquor from their shelves. The Baptists are particularly aiming at the big grocery chain stores, which often offer cut prices on wines and beer.

A resolution adopted by the Miami Baptist Association calls for an eventual boycott where cooperation is not given, and asks Baptists to patronize the stores which comply. Women of the churches are being urged to aid by sending letters, by dropping notes in store boxes, and by personal appeals.

GOING PLACES

By A. L. GOODRICH

COLLINS

Collins Baptist church, under the leadership of the new pastor, Rev. W. B. Abel, is in high gear.

During August and September there have been 28 additions. All organizations are progressing in a pleasing manner. Some of the organizations have been completed and others changed.

Plans for the future are big. A budget of \$19,905 has been adopted. Plans are being made to remodel the present building and add an up-to-date educational building. It is hoped to begin building in the spring.

Covington county Record readers are now listed as follows: Calvary, 9; Collins, 59; Leaf River, 32; Lebanon, 33; Mt. Horeb, 39; Mt. Olive, 122; New Hope, 41; Ora, 2; Rock Hill, 1; Salem, 113; Sanford, 36; Seminary, 41; Williamsburg, 41; Willow Grove, 38.

ECRU HAS OFFICIAL FAMILY PLAN

The Baptist Record is glad to welcome Ecu Church on the list of churches that have adopted the Official Family Plan of the Baptist Record.

The pastor, Rev. A. H. Ward, writes that he also hopes to enlist all the members as subscribers in the near future.

Baptist Record readers in Pontotoc County are now listed as follows: Algomar, 52; Bellevue, 19; Cherry Creek, 48; Ecu, 22; Endville, 32; Furs, 33; Longview, 70; Pontotoc, First, 202; Shady Grove, 2; Thaxton, 28; Toccopola, 31; Turnpike, 2; Valley, Grove, 10; West Heights, 26; Zion, 8; Toxish, 24.

STRONG RIVER, SIMPSON COUNTY

Because of the fact that Strong River church, Simpson county is without a pastor, we had the privilege of supplying for them on a recent Sunday.

Although pastorless, the church organizations continue to carry on. A good crowd was on hand for the morning service and there was one addition.

Simpson county Baptist Record readers are now listed as follows: Antioch, 16; Beulah, 72; Braxton, 49; Coats, 16; D'Lo, 2; Bethlehem (Fork), 49; Goodwater, 17; Harrisville, 40; Jupiter, 26; Macedonia, 55; Magee, 179; Mendenhall, 105; Mt. Zion, 97; New Hope, 21; Oak Grove, 64; Palestine, 32; Pine Grove, 32; Pinola, 49; Pleasant Hill, 66; Pleasant Valley, 44; Poplar Springs, 40; Shivers, 31; Siloam, 31; Strong River, 34; New Bethlehem, 10; Everett, 12; Holley Grove, 34.

SLICK GREENE LEADS PROVIDENCE TO ADOPT EF PLAN

Wherever Rev. W. A. (Slick) Greene serves as pastor the Baptist Record also serves as assistant pastor.

Heretofore Providence Church, Franklin County, of which Mr. Greene is pastor has been on the yearly paid list but recently the church switched to the EVERY FAMILY PLAN.

G. C. Oglesby is the treasurer. Franklin County now has Record readers listed as follows: Bude, 50; Concord, 27; Damascus, 36; Eddicetown, 1; Hamburg, 34; Hopewell, 20;

40 & 25 YEARS AGO

By REV. J. L. BOYD, SR.

40 YEARS AGO

The Gunnison Church closed a ten day meeting with two received for baptism and one by letter in which Pastor S. R. Gordon was aided by Rev. H. L. Martin of Hollandale.

Pastor R. A. Kimbrough was assisted in the annual revival with the Lowrey Memorial Church, Blue Mountain by Dr. G. H. Crutcher, Home Board Evangelist, during which "about 82 professions and renewals, 27 approved for baptism, and 19 joined by letter."

25 YEARS AGO

"One of the most helpful meetings ever" was closed with West Point Church in which Pastor E. J. Caswell had as his helper Dr. John Jeter Hurt of Jackson, Tenn., resulting in "nearly 50 additions to the membership."

Pastor R. A. Kimbrough reports "a fine meeting" in the Charleston Church, resulting in 61 for baptism and 11 by letter. Rev. W. E. Farr of Grenada preached.

Auber J. Wilds and Pastor B. H. Lovelace of the Clinton Church taught in the BYPU Training School, with 169 students of Mississippi College and Hillman College enrolled, 118 receiving diplomas and 51 receiving seals. The enrollment in the six Senior BYPU's of the church is 250, "and growing all the time."

Dr. W. A. Hewitt assisted Pastor H. H. Webb in the Moorhead Church revival in which there were 32 added to the membership.

The Water Valley Church closed a successful meeting with 30 additions; Rev. J. G. Lott, pastor.

The revival meeting of the Clinton Church closed with "about twenty added to the church" and twenty young people announcing their purpose of life-long special service.

JUDGE ORDERS PRIEST TO BLESS CRYPT

DENVER—(RNS)—A Roman Catholic priest here has been ordered by a county judge to bless the crypt of a woman buried in a nonCatholic cemetery against her wishes.

The body of Mrs. Lena Nosek, who died a year ago, was placed in the Fairmount Cemetery mausoleum, though her relatives found later, on opening her will, that she wished to be buried at Mount Olivet, a Catholic cemetery. Mrs. Nosek was converted to Catholicism shortly before her death.

Father Joseph G. Forquer, O. P. of St. Dominic's church, said Mrs. Nosek had been given the last rites of the Church, but that her grave had not been blessed because the ground was not consecrated.

County Judge C. Edgar Kettering ordered Father Forquer to bless the crypt so that the terms of Mrs. Nosek's will, calling for a Catholic burial, might be carried out. The judge indicated his duty was to see that no deceased person is deprived of anything asked in a will.

Father Forquer said he would bless the crypt shortly. He explained that he was not allowed under Church law to accompany the body to a non-Catholic cemetery at the time of burial, but could go there afterward.

Lucien, 35; McCall Creek, 17; Meadville, 45; Mt. Zion, 25; New Hope, 7; New Salem, 28; Providence, 44; Quentin, 19; Ramoth, 42; Roxie, 63; Sarepta, 32; Siloam, 37; Spring Hill, 2;

Negro Baptists In Collaboration With White Baptists In Nation-Wide Soul-Winning Crusade

By E. W. PERRY

Director General, Home Mission Board, National Baptist Convention, U. S. A., Inc.

Not since the Civil War has there been a more universal spirit of co-operation between white and Negro Baptists for the "coming of the Kingdom" in the hearts of men than now. The National Baptist Convention, U. S. A., Inc., has voted unanimously to cooperate in the nation-wide evangelistic crusade in collaboration with Southern Baptists, this crusade being initiated by Southern Baptists through the evangelistic department of the Home Mission Board of Southern Baptists, with the invitation to Negro Baptists to cooperate.

Naturally, Negro Baptists will welcome whatever information and enlightenment white Baptists have to give along all lines of promoting the crusade. The minority logically looks to be invited by the majority in collaboration of any project initiated by the majority. We are being used of the Lord in blazing new trails and new adventures in bringing in the Kingdom, the hope of the world.

The state-wide evangelistic conference proposed by white Baptists is a superb movement, and Negro Baptists would welcome an invitation to

sit in on these meetings where they are in large numbers. We need all the light and information we can get for the crusade. The same would apply to associational meetings throughout the country.

There are two great and universal invitations and commissions in the Bible—"Come" and "Go." The salvation of mankind is predicted upon his reaction to the call and the commission. "If your heart is right with our heart as our heart is right with your heart, then give us your hand and invite us into the chariot for the great crusade."

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Church Invites Legislators To Special Service

TRENTON, N. J.—(RNS)—Members of the New Jersey legislature have been invited to attend a special service at the First Presbyterian church here on Jan. 10 to seek Divine guidance as they begin a new legislative session.

In announcing the services, the church said it was seeking to "undergird our contemporary civic life with eternal moral and spiritual ideals and sanctions."

McKinster To State Line



REV. M. V. MCKINSTER

Rev. M. V. McKinster has resigned the pastorate at Macedonia, Forrest county and accepted the work at State Line. He succeeds Rev. W. L. Warren who went from State Line to Kreole.

The Macedonia church has made much progress under the leadership of Pastor McKinster and the people were reluctant to give him up. A committee composed of P. E. Hartfield, chairman; Mrs. Hugh Lee and Mrs. Dan Holcomb prepared resolutions concerning Mr. McKinster which were unanimously adopted by the church on Sunday January 1. The resolutions called attention to the pastor's faithful work during his 18 month's pastorate and the confidence and esteem of the people both old and young.

The resolutions also expressed the appreciation of the church to Mr. and Mrs. McKinster for their labor of love in the Kingdom's Cause in the community.

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ALCOHOL A REMOVER

Proclaim it aloud to the great and small,
We've found a good use for alcohol!
Believe it or not, but the story goes,
"It will remove stains from summer clothes."

What a glorious job for a poison drink,
"It removes the stains of paint or ink!"
Why limit thus to a sphere so small
The marvelous merits of alcohol?

It removes the clothes from many a back,

It removes a mansion, leaving a shack.
It removes the food from a hungry child,
And the father's reason, setting him wild.

It removes the furniture from the home;
It removes from the library every tome;
It removes the rose from childhood's cheek,
And happiness from the mother, meek.

It removes the trust from a man's good name;
It removes his chances for wealth or fame.

It removes man's honor and makes him a slave,
And sends him to a pauper's grave.

It removes respect for the nation's laws;
It removes desire for a righteous cause;
It removes the funds from the public purse
To pay the bills of the damnable curse.

What else it removes from heaven to hell
And eternal judgment will have to tell!
What has it removed from the sane man's brains
Who continues to drink the remover of stains?

—O. W. STANBROUGH

SUNDAY SCHOOL AND TRAINING UNION ATTENDANCE

January 1, 1950

Laurel, Second Avenue	459	138
Columbus, First	762	213
Pascagoula, First	511	186
Eastlawn Mission	43	37
Unity Mission	28	38
Chapel No. 2	44	
New Albany, First	677	178
Delay	42	46
Union (Pearl River County)	211	201
Rocky Creek		
(George County)	212	156
Brookhaven, First	645	153
Hamilton St. Chapel	108	70
Central Chapel	19	312
Brookhaven, Pearlhaven	163	93
Friendship (Lincoln County)	85	74
Crystal Springs	593	172
Houlka (Chickasaw County)	99	41
West Corinth	153	77
Bruce	258	67
Gulfport, First	543	136
Beulah (Simpson County)	155	130
Paul Truitt (Rankin County)	161	126
Byram (Hinds County)	163	194
Jackson, Davis Memorial	287	133
Jackson, Van Winkle	351	219
Jackson, Calvary	1,036	256
Jackson, First Church	1,071	399
Calvary Church		
(Amite County)	42	50
Goss	45	62
Evergreen (Winston County)	96	73
West Laurel	348	96
East McComb	405	120
Chester (Choctaw County)	56	
West Corinth	156	64
Columbus, First	523	133
Cherry Creek		
(Pontotoc County)	101	63
Union (Alcorn County)	41	76
Ruth	45	102
Mt. Zion (Lincoln County)	79	212

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MARLIN MILLER RESIGNS PASTORATE AT MCCOOL Goes To First, Madill, Okla.

Rev. Marlin Miller has resigned the pastorate of the McCool Church, effective January 1, to accept the work as Associate Pastor of the First Church, Madill, Oklahoma, where Rev. Bert I. Cherry is the pastor.

Mr. Miller has served the McCool Church for three years, and during most of that time has been a student at the New Orleans Seminary. The church began to support half-time work in February, 1947, instead of quarter-time as it had before. Since that time the Sunday School attendance has almost tripled; an Extension Department, a Cradle Roll Department, and a Men's Class have been organized. The W.M.U. has added a Junior and an Intermediate G.A. and a Sunbeam. A B.T.U. has been organized with all departments.

There have been 59 additions to the church, 27 by baptism. The finances have increased, with \$8,128 having been received, of which \$1,325 was given through the Cooperative Program.

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NORTHWEST PASTORS TO MEET JAN. 10 AT SARDIS

The Northwest Pastors' Conference will meet at the Sardis Church on January 10. Rev. A. M. Tutor will direct the call to worship at 9:45.

During the morning program, Rev. Charles Skutt will lead a Bible Study in Phillipians 1:19-30 and Dr. Wm. P. Davis will direct a discussion on Tithers Enlistment Visitation.

Following the luncheon at 12:25, the meeting will begin its afternoon session at 1:30. Rev. A. L. Gatewood will lead a discussion on Radio Evangelism during part of the afternoon.

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Proof Of Effectiveness In Simultaneous Revival Method

By DR. C. E. MATTHEWS

If anyone desires proof of the effectiveness of the simultaneous crusade method, we have it in abundance. In the past three years, more than 700 associational-wide simultaneous crusades have been conducted all over the South, in cities, in towns, and in rural places, in all sizes and types of churches. Here are some recorded results:

Total baptisms: 1946, 253,361; 1947, 285,152, a record; 1948, 312,246, a record.

Some associational results:

City Churches	Baptism	Letter	Total Additions
St. Louis Missouri	1304	275	1579
Atlanta, Georgia	1329	649	1978
Houston, Texas	1856	1279	3135
Montgomery, Alabama	518	362	880
Clovis, New Mexico	173	123	296
Washington, D. C.	353	310	663
Miami, Florida	1117	401	1518
Los Angeles, California	255	208	463
Rural Associations			
Northern Kentucky	433	163	596
Oklahoma:			
(Other Professions of faith, 116.)			
Mullins Association	317	104	421
Northeastern Association	307	115	422
Texas:			
District 8	395	398	793
Wichita-Archer Association	234	141	375
District 16	313	314	627

It Solves the No-Baptism Problem

There are thousands of churches in the Southern Baptist Convention that report no baptisms for an entire year. We do not know of a single instance where a church went through a two weeks' simultaneous crusade and failed to win a soul to Christ.

Non-Participating Associations Fail

We have from one of our state secretaries of evangelism the report, "Our state had a splendid increase in baptisms this year (1949) over last year (1948). The only associations that dropped off in baptisms were those that had no simultaneous campaign." One association in Texas had a simultaneous crusade in 1948 but did not in 1949. This association had more than 400 fewer baptisms in 1949 than in 1948. The Southern Baptist program of evangelism recommends that all churches have at least two revivals each year, one of these to be a part of a simultaneous effort.

Ways of Defeating Simultaneous Crusades

There are several ways to defeat the effectiveness of simultaneous crusades and thereby stand in the way of lost people in an endless eternity, as follows: First, non-participation on the part of the churches; second, failure to make the program simultaneous, thereby destroying its effectiveness. This is done by some churches going eight or ten days, or beginning a week ahead or in the middle or at the close of the crusade. This breaks up continuity and unification of effort. At Pentecost they were of one accord, doing the same thing the same way at the same time. If our simultaneous crusades are to be effective, all churches should follow the program, as it is outlined, in preparation and performance. Meeting Pentecostal conditions assure Pentecostal results.

State Denominational Calendar Of Activities

January:

BSU Vocational Emphasis Week, Jan. 8-15.
Preacher's Bible Institute (Columbia), Jan. 9-13.
Preacher's Bible Institute (Ecu), Jan. 16-20.
Preacher's Bible Institute and Associational Missionary Institute at Clarke College, Newton, Jan. 30-Feb. 3.
Training Union Leadership School, Columbus Association, Jan. 8-12.
Training Union "D" (Demonstration) Day Programs in Associations.

February:

Mississippi BSU Secretaries meet in Meridian, Feb. 1-3.
Y.W.A. Focus Week, Feb. 5-11.
BSU Evangelistic Emphasis Week, Feb. 12-18.
Training Union "D" (Demonstration) Day Programs in Associations.
State Evangelistic Conference, First Baptist Church, Gulfport, Feb. 27-March 2.

March:

Home Mission Week of Prayer, March 3.
Southwide Sunday School Clinic (Memphis), March 6-10.
BSU Signup for Summer Service, March 5-11.
Sunday School Convention, Greenwood, March 14-15.
Associational Brotherhood Rallies.
Training Union "D" (Demonstration) Day Programs in Associations.
WMU State Convention, Calvary Baptist Church, Jackson, March 28-30.
Training Union Study Course Month.
Simultaneous Training Union Campaign for Attala Association, March 26-31.

April:

Training Union "D" (Demonstration) Day Programs in Associations.
Youth Week Month.
Stewardship Conference Week, April 4, 5 and 6.
State Retreat for BSU Officers, April 21-22.

May:

G.A. Focus Week, May 7-13.
Annual meeting Southern Baptist WMU, Chicago, May 8-9.
Southern Baptist Convention, May 9-12, Chicago.
Training Union Elimination Contest Month.
Central Music School, Pike County, May 14-19 (Training Union).
Central Music School, Wayne County, May 21-26 (Training Union).

June:

Junior G. A. Camp, Garaywa (All State), June 3.
Associational Brotherhood Rallies.
Jr. R. A. Camp, Districts 6 and 8, June 5-10.
Int. R. A. Camp, June 12-17.
Y.W.A. Camp, Ridgecrest, June 15-21.
Jr. R. A. Camp, Districts 1 and 5, June 19-24.
District Training Union Conventions, June 5-23 (in cooperation with Rural Church Work).
Student Retreat at Ridgecrest, June 7-14.
Sunday School Week at Ridgecrest, June 22-28.
Sunday School Week at Ridgecrest, June 29-July 5.

July:

BSU Summer Service.
Sunday School Week at Ridgecrest, July 6-12.
W.M.S. Camp, Garaywa, July 1.
Intermediate G. A. Camp, Districts 1-4, July 3-8.
Intermediate G. A. Camp, Districts 5-8, July 10-15.
Jr. R. A. Camp, Districts 2 and 4, July 17-22.
Jr. R. A. Camp, Districts 3 and 7, July 24-29.
Ridgecrest Training Union Assembly, July 13-August 2.
Training Union Special Summer Program in Rural Churches, July 16-Aug. 18.

August:

BSU Summer Service.
Y.W.A. Camp, Garaywa, Aug. 5.
Sunbeam Focus Week, Aug. 6-12.
Jr. G. A. Camp, Districts 2, 4 and 8, Aug. 7-12.
W.M.U. Week at Ridgecrest, Aug. 10-16.
Jr. G. A. Camp, Districts 3, 5 and 7, August 14-19.
Jr. G. A. Camp, Districts 1 and 6, Aug. 21-26.
Brotherhood Week at Ridgecrest, Aug. 17-23.
Training Union Leadership School, Leflore County.

September:

Season of Prayer for State Missions, Sept. 18-21.
Sundays—BSU, Join-the-Church Day.
Associational Brotherhood Rallies.
Training Union Re-organization Month.
Training Union "D" (Demonstration) Day Programs in Associations.

October:

B.W.C. Conference, Camp Garaywa, Oct. 6-8.
Officers Clinic, W.M.U., Garaywa, Oct. 10-11.
State BSU Convention, Mississippi Southern, Oct. 27-29.
Baptist Record Month.
District Brotherhood Conferences, Oct. 30-November 10.
Training Union "D" (Demonstration) Day Programs in Associations.
Training Union Simultaneous Campaign, Riverside Assoc.

November:

BSU Thanksgiving Sunrise Services.
District W.M.U. Meetings, November 10.
R. A. Focus Week, Nov. 5-11.
State Brotherhood Convention, Nov. 13.
Mississippi Baptist State Convention, Nov. 14-16.
Associational Brotherhood Rallies, Nov. 15-Dec. 15.
State and Southwide Brotherhood Secretaries Meeting at Biloxi, Nov. 29-Dec. 1.
Associational Training Union Officers Meeting, Jackson, Nov. 17.

December:

Sundays—Student Night at Christmas in Home Churches, BSU.
Foreign Mission Week of Prayer, Dec. 4-8.
State Training Union Convention, Dec. 28-29.

Dr. J. L. Hill Will Direct Promotion For S. B. Assemblies W. F. Howard To Succeed Leavell; Fleming Gives \$25,000

NASHVILLE, Tenn.—(BP)—Dr. John L. Hill, retired book editor of the Baptist Sunday School Board, will serve as director of promotion for the Baptist assembly at Ridgecrest, N. C., and the new assembly at Glorieta, N. Mex.

The appointment was made yesterday by the Sunday School Board during its mid-winter meeting here. Dr. Hill accepted the position, effective immediately.

The Board also announced the election of W. F. Howard of Dallas, Tex., as secretary of the Board's Department of Student Work. Howard presently is secretary of student work in the Texas Baptist Convention.

Howard had not announced a decision regarding the work. However, if accepted he will succeed the late Dr. Frank Leavell, who served for 27 years as director of student work. A grad-

uate of Baylor University, Waco, Tex., and the University of Texas at Austin, he has served as director of Baptist student work for the past six years.

Dr. T. L. Holcomb, executive secretary of the Board, announced that William Fleming of Fort Worth, Tex., Baptist layman, has offered \$25,000 toward financing a \$100,000 auditorium to be constructed at the Glorieta assembly. The Board voted to match Fleming's gift with an additional \$25,000 as a part of the \$100,000 which the Board has voted for the development of the summer assembly site.

Harold Ingraham, business manager of the Board, reported that 34 new book titles had been published during the past 12 months with a total of 523,586 volumes. Including reprints, there have been 2,372,440 books published during the year.



Shown above is the choir which presented the Christmas Cantata entitled "Carol of the Bells," at East Church, Greenville on December 18. Walter E. Parks, music director of the church, was in charge of the cantata and Miss Lexie Muse, church secretary, was in charge of stage decorations. Rev. Homer W. Roberson is the pastor.

San Francisco 1951?

BERKELEY, Calif.—(BP)—Dr. B. O. Herring, chairman of the invitation committee for the Southern Baptist Convention to meet in San Francisco in 1951, has announced the following action of the Southern Baptist General Convention of California in its annual session in Long Beach:

"At the 1949 session of the Southern Baptist Convention in Oklahoma City we extended to you our invitation to meet in San Francisco in 1951. We were genuinely and fraternally sincere in so doing. It was just such an act as has occurred annually for years beyond our memory. We are not aware of any political wire pulling or of any western bloc for pressure purposes.

"We are aware that the vote in favor over another worthy city was measured by a small majority. This, too, we accepted in good faith as just another incident in the operation of Baptist democracy. Relative thereto many reports have been published in sections of our press with which all are more or less acquainted, but the grounds for same are to us positively unknown and unbelievable. If the vote had been just the opposite we would have accepted it in the same cooperative spirit.

"We would like to say to the brethren of the Convention that if it be the sincere and unbiased will of a majority of our people not to come to San Francisco for the 1951 session then we would gladly yield the rights and privileges which the Oklahoma City vote granted to us. Perhaps the instrumentality of a simple poll without undue persuasion of press or speech would yield some guiding data. . . . If the index thereof should indicate a majority desire to meet elsewhere in 1951, then you may count our former invitation for that meeting to be automatically cancelled, though we are exceedingly anxious for the Convention to come to us.

"We would then claim the privilege of planning another invitation, just as sincere and warmhearted as the first to be presented to some future session of the Convention as wisdom in such matters might seem to warrant."

Ballots for this poll have been mailed from Berkeley, Calif., to all Southern Baptist ministers whose last name begins with A, N, or O. Mr. Porter Routh, Southern Baptist Convention secretary and denominational statistician, advised the procedure used in the poll in order to secure

CALENDAR OF PRAYER

January 9—BSU Vocational Emphasis Week; Preacher's Bible Institute, meeting in Columbia; Training Union Leadership School, Columbus Association.

January 10—Rev. J. B. Parker, Department of Institutional Visitation, Baptist Building; T. J. Biggs, Crystal Springs, Baptist Orphanage trustee.

January 11—Carroll Gartin, Laurel, Mississippi College trustee; Mrs. M. G. McGill, Blue Mountain College trustee.

January 12—John Mixon, Hattiesburg, Woman's College trustee; J. Murphy Thomas, Jr., Tupelo, Baptist Memorial Hospital trustee.

January 13—Rev. W. L. Compere, Jackson, Clarke College trustee. C. A. Roper, Hanchurst, Baptist Hospital trustee.

January 14—Dr. W. H. Sumrall, Hattiesburg, Board of Ministerial Education; J. N. Barron, Crystal Springs, Baptist Foundation trustee.

January 15—M. W. Perry, Neshoba County Convention Board member.

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an accurate survey. These particular letters of the alphabet were chosen because they represent a cross section of the Southern Baptist Convention. The returns on the poll will be compiled in the office of the Department of Survey, Statistics, and Information in Nashville, Tenn. The results will be released as soon as a sufficient number of ballots have been returned to assure accuracy in the report. The report will have been compiled prior to the publication of this announcement.

The small margin by which the Southern Baptist Convention voted to hold its 1951 session in San Francisco has been the occasion of the contention of some that the decision should be reversed at the Chicago session in 1950. Dr. Herring emphasized that it was the desire of California Southern Baptists that the Convention be held in San Francisco, but California Baptists felt that the will of the majority of Southern Baptists should rule.

Federal Aid To Church-Owned Hospitals Violation of Constitution, Says Dawson

NASHVILLE, Tenn.—(BP)—Is it constitutional for church-owned hospitals to receive money from Federal or State government? Dr. Joseph M. Dawson, director, Southern Baptist Public Affairs Commission, Washington, D. C., does not think so. He believes that the Hill-Burton Act is a clear violation of the First Amendment of the Constitution and that no church hospital, including Baptist, should receive Federal funds.

He made this statement to the Southern Baptist Convention Executive Committee here. To support his conclusion he cited the opinion of two Washington attorneys, E. Hilton Jackson and Wade B. Hampton.

The lawyers cited the recent U. S. Supreme Court findings in connection with the famed McCollum case, "No tax in any amount, large or small, can be levied to support any religious activities or institutions, whatever they may be called, or whatever form they may adapt to teach or practice religion. Neither a State nor the Federal government can, openly or secretly, participate in the affairs of any religious organizations or groups and vice versa."

Mr. Jackson and Mr. Hampton thought that the church-owned hospital is a definite "religious activity." They said that the hospital is one of the "most persuasive and effective means of propagating faith."

Dr. Dawson, in making this report, predicted that if the Hill-Burton Act is challenged, the Supreme Court, in line with its previous decisions, will hold the law to be in violation of the First Amendment and, therefore, unconstitutional. The report was received into the records of the Executive Committee.

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Court Upholds Radio Station Which Banned Sermon

BOSTON—(RNS)—Federal Judge Francis J. W. Ford dismissed a civil suit here brought by the Massachusetts Universalist Convention against a radio station for banning a broadcast by one of its ministers.

The station, WLAW of Lawrence, Mass., had cancelled a scheduled Easter sermon by the Rev. Kenneth L. Patton of Boston. Station officials said Mr. Patton's script was "not in the public interest" because he questioned the belief in Christ's resurrection.

EAST CHURCH EXPRESSES APPRECIATION OF PASTOR

Evidently Rev. Homer W. Roberson enjoyed Christmas. East Church Greenville, of which he is pastor, adopted appropriate resolutions concerning his leadership during the past 16 months. The resolutions called attention to the fact that the past 16 months has been the most fruitful in the history of the church with 236 additions, of which 107 were for baptism and that the financial situation of the church has greatly changed with all bills paid and that the total indebtedness on the church building now is only \$34,000, or less than \$100 per capita.

The resolutions expressed the love and appreciation of the church for the pastor and his fine family.

NOT ONLY DID THE CHURCH EXPRESS IN WORDS THEIR APPRECIATION, BUT THE RESOLUTIONS WERE ACCOMPANIED BY A NICE CHRISTMAS CHECK.

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MRS. CLAUDE THAMES

Whereas, God in His wisdom has called Mrs. Claude Thames from the walks of man into the realm of His glory, and

Whereas, we the ladies of the Mt. Horeb Church, assembled, intensely feel the loss to the bereaved family and friends, to the church and to the Mt. Horeb community as a whole, and

Whereas, we have lost one of our most earnest, sincere and faithful workers, and

Whereas, her life was one of the most outstanding exemplification of Christianity, both by precept and example, a life for us to emulate;

Therefore, be it resolved that we extend to the bereaved husband and family our professed sympathy.

Rev. Alex Aber Crombee, pastor, Mrs. Wheeler McGrew, W.M.U. President, Mrs. Monroe Aultman, Mrs. Ferrell Thames, Mrs. Fannie Lott, Mrs. Willie Powell, Mrs. O. T. Cauthen, Mrs. C. Harper, Mrs. Robert Aultman, Mrs. Ernest Aultman, Mrs. Ruby Gatewood.

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Baptists Sponsor Traveling Theological Seminary

JACKSON, Miss. — (BP) — Negro Baptists in Mississippi have found a way to lift the educational level of their ministers whose average schooling is the fifth grade. It is by a traveling "theological seminary" presided over by Dr. Herbert Lee Lang.

Central offices of the school are located in Jackson. Other branches reach out into every section of the state. Faculty members go from place to place in cars and buses. Negro ministers working in their church fields or at secular jobs in the daytime have opportunity to study with the teachers in small groups at night. Those students whose interests and abilities develop above the average are encouraged to enroll in the regular daytime seminary at Jackson. In some instances they are provided scholarships.

In seven years of operation the seminary has reached 576 ministers through regular classes. There were 19 in the 1945 graduating class. A total of 5,343 have been given short-term instruction in "Bible institutes" and 6,563 boys and girls have received religious instruction in special summer time schools for children sponsored by the seminary.

Dr. Lang, founder and president of the school, is a veteran public school administrator and Negro Baptist minister. He has degrees from Talledega

Mack Boyte Ordained At Hamilton Street Chapel

Hamilton Street Chapel, mission of First Church, Brookhaven, was the scene of the ordination to the full Gospel ministry of Mack Boyte on Sunday afternoon, December 18.

Rev. A. Marvin Sanders, chapel pastor, brought the message; Dr. W. Landon Miller, pastor of the First Church, gave the charge; Rev. Paul Z. Ball, pastor of Pearlhaven Church, presented the Bible; and the ordination prayer was led by Rev. Carl B. Case, pastor of the Holly Springs Church.

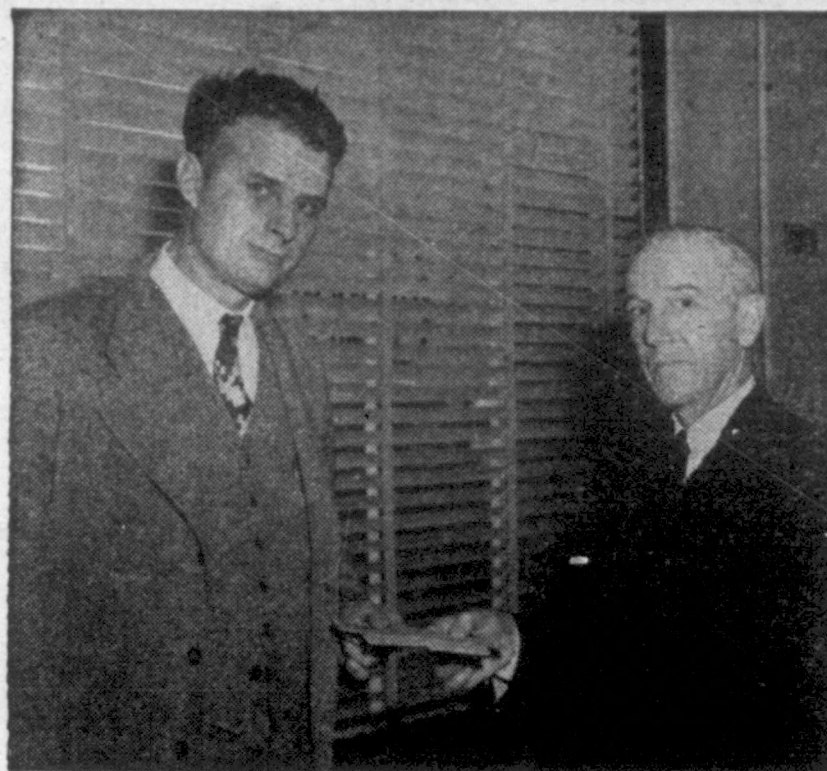
The Hamilton Street Chapel has been in existence for only a little more than two years, and Mr. Boyte was one of the first members to join the chapel. He is a student at Clarke Memorial College, Newton, and is now pastoring a mission in Alabama.

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College, Florida A. and M., and Shorter College. He has done additional work in the University of Chicago. Mrs. Lang was formerly a nurse in the New Orleans Public Schools.

The Seminary has been certified and accepted by the Veterans Training Committee and is recognized and accredited for G. I. Trainees.

CHURCHES GIVE TO OVERSEAS HUNGRY



Churches of all denominations are contributing gifts of money to supplement produce given by state farmers for the hungry overseas through the Christian Rural Overseas Program. State CROP Director W. E. Holcomb, right, delivers to State CROP Treasurer Buford Yerger check for \$800 contributed by the First Baptist Church of Greenville of which Dr. E. D. Elliott is pastor. Cash donations are used for purchase of farm commodities. Mississippi's 1946 CROP campaign continues through January.

MRS. N. J. EDMONDS OF JACKSON will teach the Home Mission Book to the Clarke County W.M.U. Association on February 5.

JOHN T. SIZEMORE, DALLAS, HAS accepted position as secretary of Sunday School and Training Union in Washington-Oregon.

CHRIST'S MISSIONARY COMMANDMENT AND OUR RESPONSE

BY WILLIAM F. DAVIS

Forty days after the resurrection, Jesus gave His great Missionary Commandment. His Commandment was: "Go ye into all the world and preach the Gospel to every creature." In it He set forth His missionary purpose for the whole earth in all the ages by demanding:

1. A WORLD-WIDE ADVANCE—ALL NATIONS.
2. ONE SPECIFIC PURPOSE—MAKING DISCIPLES OF ALL NATIONS.
3. ONLY ONE WAY OF SAVING LOST SINNERS IN ALL NATIONS—CHRIST CRUCIFIED; CHRIST RAISED FROM THE DEAD; REPENTANCE UNTO THE REMISSION OF SIN.
4. REDEEMED HUMANITY DOING THE JOB.
5. A COOPERATIVE ENTERPRISE—"LO, I AM WITH YOU."

Doing the job is the divinely given task of every Christian. This is the task of Mississippi Baptists and of Southern Baptists. How are Mississippi Baptists doing it?

I. THROUGH THE COOPERATIVE PROGRAM, Mississippi Baptists are co-operating with 21 State Conventions in soul-winning, in Christian education, in providing food and shelter for homeless children, for the aged and helpless and hospitals for the sick and afflicted.

II. THROUGH THE COOPERATIVE PROGRAM, each of the 366,000 members of our 1600 churches in our 74 associations has a share in building the Galilean Highway, the highway of salvation, into all the world.

III. THROUGH THE COOPERATIVE PROGRAM, each cooperating Baptist in Mississippi has a share in the State Mission Budget which includes:

1. Church Building Evangelism	\$ 40,000.00
2. Negro Work	13,500.00
3. Indian Work	2,000.00
4. Baptist Student Union Campus Work	13,000.00
5. Baptist Student Union Department	7,200.00
6. Sunday School Department	16,500.00
7. Baptist Training Union Department	15,500.00
8. Evangelistic Conference	1,500.00
9. Historical Society	300.00
10. Board Retirement Plan	33,387.00
Pastors Dues, Widows Supplemental Plan, Board Employees Dues, Promotion.	
11. Convention Expense	500.00
12. Board Meetings	4,000.00
13. State Mission Promotion and Tracts	3,000.00
14. Stewardship Conference	750.00
15. Institutional Work	4,750.00
16. Woman's Missionary Union Department	9,000.00
R. A. Worker, Negro Worker, Indian-Negro Youth Work, Scholarships, W.M.U. Camp Maintenance (\$19,500.00 from Cooperative Program)	
17. Pastoral Evangelism	10,000.00
18. Service Men's Aid	1,200.00
19. Brotherhood	10,600.00
20. Associational Missions	22,000.00
21. Preachers Bible School	1,000.00
22. Temperance	8,500.00
23. Associational Missionary Institute	300.00
24. Chinese Mission	1,200.00
25. Miscellaneous	2,800.00
26. Braille Evangel	100.00
27. Stewardship and Evangelism	5,600.00
28. Bible Teacher Copiah-Lincoln Jr. College	450.00
29. Bible Teacher Perkinson Jr. College	180.00
30. Natchez College	750.00
31. Sanatorium	600.00
	\$230,167.00

To this budget should be added \$27,066.54 to be paid out of State Mission surplus and/or reserve. This amount was allocated as follows:

Jackson County Associational Missions	\$ 1,200.00
First Baptist Church of Starkville (college center)	10,000.00
Immanuel Baptist Church, Hattiesburg (college center)	5,000.00

Summit Baptist Church, Summit (college center)	5,000.00
Wesson Baptist Church, Wesson (college center)	5,000.00
Mississippi Baptist Seminary (Negro College)	866.54

\$27,066.54

Total State Mission Budget \$257,233.54

IV. THROUGH THE COOPERATIVE PROGRAM, each Baptist in Mississippi has a share in State Mission Work everytime he makes an offering through his church. Every Cooperative Program dollar is distributed in the following manner:

State Causes	50%
Christian Education	20%
Mississippi College—35%	
Blue Mountain College—25%	
Clarke College—20%	
Woman's College—20%	
State Missions	20 1/2%
Baptist Hospital	1%
Ministerial Education	2%
Radio	1%
Baptist Foundation	1 1/2%
Baptist Orphanage	4%
Southwide and World-wide Causes	50%
	Total 100%

V. THE COOPERATIVE PROGRAM IS MAKING IT POSSIBLE FOR EVERY COOPERATIVE BAPTIST IN MISSISSIPPI TO WIN THE LOST TO CHRIST THROUGH—

- 681 Foreign Missionaries.
- 741 Home Missionaries.
- 43 Mission Aid Pastors.
- 24 Associational Missionaries.
- 90 Building Aid Churches.
- 34 Full-time workers in Baptist Building.

15 Baptist Student Union Secretaries with our young people on college campuses. God is calling upon Mississippi Baptists to GO FAR BEYOND ALL PRESENT ATTAINMENT. He has set before us a PROGRAM OF ADVANCE in all Missions (Home, State, Foreign), Benevolences and Education. In response to this great call, Mississippi Baptists are joining with a mighty band of Southern Baptists in dividing the Cooperative Program Dollar "fifty-fifty in 1950"; that is, 50% of the Cooperative Program dollar is used at home for State Causes and 50% is distributed for World-Wide Causes.

At the heart of our Cooperative Program is the heart of the Christ—a heart burning for:

- The Salvation of lost humanity.
- The daily growth of Christ-people.
- A world in which the kingdoms are becoming the kingdom of God.
- Every Baptist in Mississippi a tither.
- Every Baptist in Mississippi a Cooperative Baptist.
- Mississippi Baptists to be faithful unto death for the sake of Jesus Christ.

What is my response?

A new day would dawn for Mississippi Baptists if the response of every heart might be—God, fulfill your plain for World Advance through me. When this commitment is made, 366,000 Baptists will give ONE MILLION DOLLARS to the Cause of Christ through the Cooperative Program.

His promise to us: "Lo, I am with you."

* WHAT DO YOU OWE?

"What do you owe God, you ask? Suppose He sent this bill:
One hundred thousand dollars for the sun upon the hill;
Two thousand for the little brook that runs along the way,
Five hundred for the night time, and a thousand for the day.
Six hundred for the little birds that trill and chirp and sing;
Six hundred for the tiny flowers which tell us that it's Spring;
These are the bills which everyone of every clime forget.
If God should charge you what you owe, you'd always be in debt."

—MARVELLA HOOE.



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Take four quarters running to gain the More Abundant life.

Associational Chairmen, NOW is the time to be planning for and advertising your Mission Study Institute for last week of January.

Local M. S. Chairmen, NOW is the time to be securing teachers for Home Mission books, and making arrangements for getting all circle M. S. Chairmen and teachers to your Associational M. S. Institute.

The Rural Resource Book by Janice Singleton is a Must for each local M. S. Chairman—price 50c—Baptist Book Store.

Suggestive Mission Study Calendar by quarters:

Jan., Feb., March—Home Missions.
April, May, June—Community Missions—Soul-Winning or Prayer.
July, Aug., Sept.—Stewardship.
Oct., Nov., Dec.—Foreign Missions.

Note Two M. S. Changes

1. Awards and promotional aids discontinued.

2. All books formerly listed under Kingdom Builders are merged with World Mission and Missionary Fundamental series making two instead of three series (see page 53 WMU Year Book).

Missionary Reading Goal:

All from Sunbeams to the oldest W.M.S. reading at least one missionary book during the year.

Mission Study Acrostic

A good Mission Study Chairman must be:

M—issionary-Minded.

I—nformed.

S—earching for new and better methods.

S—urveying for good teachers, especially for young people's organizations.

I—nteresting ALL in study and the building of a good M. S. library.

O—rganizing Reading Circles and Missionary Round Tables.

N—aming dates and advertising for M. S. Institutes, noting necessity of having EVERY Mission Study Chairman, teacher and prospective teacher present.

S—eeking Variety and Visual Aids.

T—abulating results of study classes in individual organizations each quarter.

U—rging "Completion of Study" each time.

D—irecting more than actually doing.

Y—olking-up with Stewardship, Community Missions and young people's leaders.

SOME MISSION STUDY IFS:

If possible, arrange for Mission Study in the circles. This places immediate responsibility on the Circle Mission Study Chairman and the Circle members will share the responsibility and grow in interest and ability to serve.

If you feel you must have a day study, or lecture from someone outside the circle, see that your members read the book before the day for the study.

If some of your members can't buy the book, share with them but insist on having sufficient copies for all to read.

If all have not read the book before

date for study, then the M. S. Chairman must do some follow-up work by urging all members in class to read the book by a given date so as to complete the study. Then report.

If it is impossible for some members to attend class then see that they read the book and report them as readers.

If when you are making out your report you wonder if you should count those completing with the Readers—stop and think! We know those who have completed the book have read it. We want to know how many read the book besides the ones completing the book in class. Please note this before next reports.

MISSION STUDY GLEAMINGS

1. Mission Study makes a Christian a World Citizen.

2. It provides a knowledge of the relationship between nations and what that relationship involves.

3. Through M. S. one understands present conditions and problems in the light of past injustices.

4. Through M. S. NEEDS are presented and one gains information and a zeal for missions is created.

5. M. S. brings the Christian face to face with her obligation to those "other sheep."

6. The M. S. Class goes deeper into World Needs and the Bible teaching on missions than the regular programs can.

7. Mission Study seeks to help Christians through the gift of money, prayer and self to obey the Command of Christ who said, "The field is the World"—"Go ye into all the world."

I AM THE RURAL CHURCH

I serve the country folk with feet upon the sod,
Who, living thus, are living near to God.

For who can watch the dead-like seed take root

And grow and flower and bring forth fruit,

Who can view the acorn small, and see the oak tree tower,

And not realize there is a greater, higher power?

I AM THE RURAL CHURCH:

My folk may have little of silver and gold

But Creativeness is bred within my fold;

From their want Inventiveness is fed;

From their need the wherewithal for bread;

Here leaders row, folk really live.

From their own lack they learn to give.

I AM THE RURAL CHURCH:

I boast no stained-glass window, cushioned pew.

I am no stately edifice for all to view,

But here come father, mother, children all,

To learn the simple life of Jesus' call,
To tread the path that Jesus trod,
To sing, to pray, to worship God.

By DORIS CLORE DEMAREE
in the Baptist Leader

-- BROTHERHOOD DEPARTMENT --

W. R. ROBERTS, Secretary

EDWINA MAY, Office Secretary

The Church Must Decide Meeting Time

It is quite natural that new Brotherhoods, and occasionally an older one, should inquire as to the best time to meet. We wish we knew.

There are approximately 27,000 Southern Baptist churches, and these churches are located in twenty-three states. The territory stretches from Oregon in the Northwest to Florida in the Southeast, and from Maryland in the Midwest to the Rio Grande Valley in the Southwest.

It is a practical impossibility for a general office, state or southwide, to answer the inquiry specifically and with any degree of satisfaction. Indeed, it is impossible to fix a suitable uniform time of meeting when so many churches, operating under such differences of conditions, are involved; when the men of these churches have such a variety of occupations, and such a wide diversity of social, civic, and business responsibilities.

Each church will have to canvass its own situation, then select a time when the largest number of men can come together for a meeting that will contribute most to the over-all program of the church. Not only is this thoroughly Baptist, it is the only procedure that makes sense.

However, we are convinced that men must meet frequently to get the best results. We, therefore, urge a weekly meeting, if at all practical, leaving the day and the hour entirely to the discretion of the individual church.

In meeting once a month, the meetings are spaced so far apart as to

make a continuity of program and activity very difficult. There is a question that weekly meetings are much more interesting and effective.

By LAWSON H. COOKE

in Brotherhood Journal

Your Secretary returned on December 16 from the meeting of the State Secretaries at the Southwide office, Memphis. All State Secretaries except those from New Mexico and North Carolina were in attendance. The Southwide Secretaries met with us for most of our sessions.

The Evangelistic Crusade, April 9-23, for next year west of the Mississippi, received major emphasis, and all the Brotherhood leaders have pledged active support and cooperation in this effort. Many of the states will hold Associational Rallies simultaneous all over the state. We expect to cooperate fully in all that we are asked to do. Give us any suggestions you have for our Crusade in 1951.

The Brotherhood Guidebook will go to press in January. We are hoping the printers will give us a gilt edge, A-1 priority, and get it to us at an early date. Some who have had experience in such things warned against too much optimism.

Southside, Meridian, Conducts Laymen's Revival

The Southside Brotherhood of Meridian reports thirty-one (31) additions to their church in their recent Laymen's Revival with Harold E. Ingraham of Nashville as the speaker. This continues to be one of the most active Brotherhoods in the entire state.

SOUTHWESTERN SEMINARY HAS MISSION DAY PROGRAM

Southern Baptists have sent out only 1511 missionaries in the last 100 years. They are now attempting to increase by 1000 the number of missionaries on the fields.

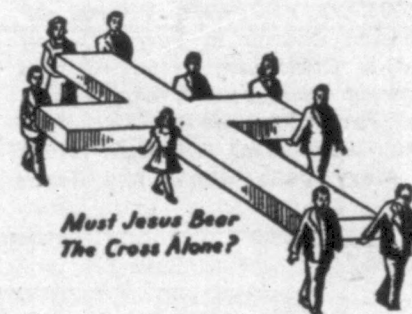
In keeping with this world wide mission emphasis, Southwestern Seminary held its second Mission Day program, Dec. 8. Fourteen students responded to the call to dedicate their lives to work on the foreign field. Dr. Frank K. Means of the Foreign Mission Board, Richmond, Va., brought the main address for the program.

Dr. Means also told of the president of the seminary in Guatemala, who, because of his small salary, had not even the necessities of life. When he received a salary supplement from our mission board he gave it to a fellow-worker who was more poverty stricken than he.

Other speakers on the program were Mr. and Mrs. Joe C. Johnson, Dallas, appointed to Brazil; Mr. and Mrs. Boyd O'Neal, Stephenville, also appointed to Brazil; and Dr. Julius Hickerson, Dallas, appointed to Colombia.

Southwestern Singers, directed by Woodrow Wall, provided special music for the meeting. Prof. J. Campbell Wray, head of the School of Sacred Music, led the congregation in singing some of the great mission hymns.

A total of 270 mission volunteers are doing residence work at the seminary.



Baptist Group On Hawaii Evangelistic Tour

DALLAS, Tex.—(RNS)—Twelve Baptists from the Southwest will devote the Christmas season to evangelistic work in Hawaii. The group assembled at Amarillo and left for San Francisco, Calif., and from there were to fly to Hawaii.

The party included: Dr. J. W. Marshall, president of Wayside Baptist College, Plainview; Dr. Julian Atwood, Lamesa, pastor; the Rev. Taft Holloway, pastor of First Baptist Church at Canadian; Bob Bratcher, Lubbock High School student; Dr. Douglas Carver, Pampa, pastor; Ralph Reid, Phoenix, Ariz., layman; Miss Nicey Murphy, Norman, Okla., and Miss Jackie Emerson of Dallas, a secretary in the state student office here of the Baptist General Convention of Texas.

The Baptists will visit missions on the islands of Molokai, Maui and Oahu before they return to the United States about January 3.

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Associational Training Union "D"
(Demonstration) Day Schedule, 1950



MR. WILDS AND JERRY

Mr. Wilds, "Jerry, we are going back all over the state again to see our friends."

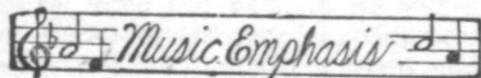
Jerry, "I'm so glad—let's HURRY."

- January 13—Columbus.
- January 14—Noxubee.
- January 15—Winston.
- January 16—Neshoba.
- January 17—Kemper.
- January 18—Clarke.
- January 19—Lauderdale.
- January 20—Wayne.
- January 21—Greene.
- January 22—George.
- January 23—Jackson.
- January 24—Gulf Coast.
- January 25—Pearl River.
- January 26—Lamar.
- January 27—Lebanon.
- January 28—Perry.
- January 29—Jones.
- January 30—Jasper.
- January 31—Newton.
- February 12—Simpson.
- February 13—Covington.
- February 14—Jeff Davis.
- February 15—Lawrence.
- February 16—Marion.
- February 17—Walshall.
- February 18—Pike.
- February 19—Mississippi.
- February 20—Franklin.
- February 21—Lincoln.
- February 22—Copiah.
- February 23—Madison.
- February 24—Yazoo.
- March 12—Lafayette.
- March 13—Pontotoc.
- March 14—Union Co.
- March 15—Tippah.
- March 16—Benton.
- March 17—Marshall.
- March 18—DeSoto.
- March 19—Tate.
- March 20—Panola.
- March 21—Riverside.
- March 22—Bolivar.
- March 23—Deer Creek.
- March 24—Sunflower.
- March 25—Leflore.
- March 26—Carroll.
- March 31—Attala.
- April 1—Leake.
- April 9—Grenada.
- April 10—Yalobusha.
- April 11—Tallahatchie.
- April 12—Calhoun.
- April 13—Zion.
- April 14—Choctaw.
- April 15—Oktibbeha Co.
- April 16—Clay.
- April 17—Monroe.
- April 18—Chickasaw.
- April 19—Itawamba.
- April 20—Tishomingo.

- April 21—Alcorn.
- April 22—Prentiss.
- April 23—Lee.
- September 24—Montgomery.
- September 25—Holmes.
- September 26—Scott.
- September 27—Smith.
- September 28—Rankin.
- September 29—Union.
- September 30—Warren.
- October 1—Hinds.

State Training Union Convention

To say it was a great and glorious occasion is putting it mildly. The Lord in the presence of the Holy Spirit pervaded the entire convention. We felt His presence throughout the meeting. The convention moved at high tide from the beginning, and climaxed with the entire congregation making a circle around the walls of the great auditorium singing "Blest be the Tie that Binds." Miss Labbous had brought, through her testimony of experience in finding Christ, a warm hearted challenge to go forth to seek the lost for Christ. Beautiful scenes came to life under the touch of Mrs. Alford's Hand, while artists of piano and voice told the story. The pantomime written and presented by Mrs. Ferguson and friends who helped her—My Family and I—challenged the devotional life of every one present. The Lambdins were great, as were all others taking part—but wait for a full account in next weeks Record, written by Miss McMahon, Secretary for the year. The convention meets with First Clumbus December 28-29, 1950. Officers elected, Kermit R. Cofer, President, Water Valley; Bill Watson, Vice President, McComb; Miss Gordy Hughes, Secretary, Quitman.



Music During the State Training Union Convention

A most excellent response came from every section of the state in the music participation. A total of 23 ensembles with a total number of 400 members. There were 13 large and 10 small ensembles. The hymn playing in both Intermediate and Junior participation was most gratifying. There were a total of 48 hymn players with 22 Juniors and 26 Intermediates. The superior rating hymn players were honored by being privileged to play before the entire convention on Friday, December 30. All participants in the program received ratings. All of the above make a very great contribution to the program of the convention, and it is hoped that all of those who took part in the music division of the convention received as great a blessing as those who were privileged to listen to their wonderful music. All ensembles and hymn players will be listed in ensuing articles of this column with ratings.

—BR—

FEED HUNGRY SOULS! American Bible Society Offering, January 22

INCLUDED IN THE BUDGET OF THE Louisiana Baptist Convention for 1950 is a \$10,000 subsidy for the Baptist Messenger. Editor Tinnin is giving the Louisiana Baptist a good paper and they are willing to support it.

Pearlhaven Notes Growth

The Pearlhaven Church, Brookhaven, had 90 additions during the past year, 50 of whom came on profession of faith. One person was converted for each six resident members. A resident membership of 307 contributed a total of \$12,156, which was an increase of \$2,934 over the previous year. The budget for this year is \$12,156.

The Sunday School enrolment is \$19, as compared with 213 enrolled a year ago. The Training Union now has 162 enrolled.

Rev. Paul Z. Ball is the pastor.

—BR—

Harmony Ordains Two Deacons

On December 18 the Harmony Church in Pearl River County ordained two of its members as deacons. They were Lumo Ladner and J. Horace Pigott.

The charge was given by C. Jake Mitchell, deacon from First Church, Picayune. Rev. Donald A. Bennett, associational missionary, preached the sermon and Rev. C. B. Saucier, pastor, led the ordination prayer. The deacons of the church also took part in the service.

—BR—

NORTH CENTRAL PASTORS TO MEET ON JANUARY 9

The North Central Pastors' Conference will meet on January 10 at 10 a. m. at the Mathiston Church.

Rev. C. B. Hamlett, III, will direct a study in the New Testament. The sermon will be delivered by Rev. C. C. Weaver.

Following lunch, Rev. H. W. Freeman and Rev. W. O. Presson will discuss, I Cor. 4 and 5, respectively. The meeting will close following a message on Baptism at 2:15 by Rev. J. M. Metts.

Department of Temperance Activities

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LEGALIZED WHISKEY WOULD COST THE STATE \$6 FOR EVERY \$1 RECEIVED

The state of Massachusetts authorized a special commission to make an unbiased and complete study of all factors related to the problem of drunkenness. The following facts were discovered:

Tangible Costs

1. The annual cost of caring for those patients whose illnesses have been caused or precipitated by alcoholism approximates\$ 4,000,000
2. The annual cost of crime due to inebriety approximates 6,000,000
3. The annual cost of financial dependence on others (or charity or whatever name one chooses to call it) due to inebriety approximates 51,000,000

TOTAL ANNUAL PROBABLE COST\$61,000,000
"Parenthetically, it might be pointed out that against this cost figure, the commonwealth and its cities and towns received \$13,139,266.79 from alcoholic beverage taxation in 1943."

The above gives absolutely nothing of the intangible cost—the loss of property, broken homes, wrecked character, loss of life, etc.

They figured a loss in pay checks at a minimum of \$20,000.

\$81,000,000.00—Total Cost for One Year.

\$13,139,266.79—Tax money received.

\$67,860,733.21—Net LOSS to State for one year.

Massachusetts found out too late to stop whiskey being legalized.

Let us profit by their mistake!

LEGALIZING DOES NOT STOP BOOTLEGGING BUT INCREASES IT.

The following is a comparison given from a few of the states taken from the Treasury Department release of September 8, 1948, and letters from state liquor departments by the Oklahoma Unified Drys.

1948

State	Fed. Retail Liquor Stamps	State Permits	Obvious Bootleggers
California	38,026	15,999	22,027
Texas	9,667	3,978	5,689
Washington	5,770	379	5,391
Iowa	2,902	178	2,724
North Carolina	2,569	102	2,467
Oklahoma	1,233	—	1,233

SUNDAY SCHOOL DEPARTMENT

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GID THOMPSON FAMILY

The Gid Thompson family, of First Church, West Point, believes in "TAKING YOUR FAMILY TO SUNDAY SCHOOL." Sidney, who is four years old, has not missed Sunday school in 22 months. Eighteen month old Darlene and her Mother have been present every Sunday since Darlene was four months old. Mr. Thompson's record would have equaled that of Mrs. Thompson if he had not had an operation in September, 1948. Mr. and Mrs. Thompson believe in the importance of the early religious training of their children, and they appreciate the fact that their church is helping them with this religious training by providing well-equipped and well-mannered Nursery and Beginner departments.

NO MORE REGISTRATIONS

Class and Department registration has been discontinued. For some years this seemed necessary, but that is not true now, so there are no more registrations of departments and classes, even to be standard. Officers and teachers will please keep this in mind.

JANUARY BIBLE WEEK

January has come again, and with it the time for the regular January Bible Study Week.

This has been a part of the program of many churches for two years, and it has certainly proved to be a most fruitful part of our work. We hope this year may be the greatest year.

What finer way could we begin a new year than to gather our people at the church for several nights one week and study a Bible book.

The book this year is Acts. A guide book has been written by Dr. Fallis to help in this study. The title of this guide is, "Studies in Acts," and may be secured from the Baptist Book Store, Jackson, Miss.

THE BUILDER FOR ALL

Every officer and teacher in a Sunday school should get the Sunday School Builder. This will cost a little more, but it will be money well spent and will save in the long run.

If every officer and teacher will study and follow suggestions each month in the Builder, it would certainly go far in building bigger and better Sunday schools.

So, include the Builder for every officer and teacher in your orders for literature each quarter.

HAPPY NEW YEAR!

A Happy New Year to all.

As we now enter a new calendar year, we wish the very best for every one in helping to promote the cause of Christ. We hope that this year may be the best we have ever had in all good things we try to do for the cause of righteousness.

RIDGECREST SUNDAY SCHOOL WEEKS

There will be three Ridgecrest Sunday School Weeks this year, June 22-28, June 29-July 5, and July 6-12.

The following requests are made of those who plan to attend:

1. Make your registration as early as you can.
2. Select for attendance only Sunday school officers and teachers, or capable prospective workers. Because of limited accommodations, do not bring children or boys and girls, unless it is absolutely necessary to make possible the attendance of a capable worker.
3. Superintendents, pastors, educational directors, and other key leaders are urged to attend. Special conferences will be provided for pastors, educational directors, and Sunday school superintendents in each of the three weeks.
4. Send \$2.00 registration fee for each person.
5. When making registration give first, second, third, and fourth preference for accommodations. If only one preference is given, and that is not available, an exchange of letters is necessary. In the meantime, other space is reserved and your request is still pending. List several preferences, and Mr. Robert Guy, the Manager, will in all cases do the best he can for you.

So, select those who go to Ridgecrest this year, and send names and registration fee to Robert Guy, Ridgecrest, North Carolina. Do not be discouraged if definite assignment cannot be promised immediately. Be assured that accommodations will be provided.

PLENTY OF ROOM

When have you heard such a statement with reference to a church having plenty of room for all of its work?

It has been a long time for us, and the cry is always the other one, "We need more room." But we had this different one recently.

A pastor said they had plenty of room in their church, but they did need the people. He also said that there had not been a training program of any kind in that church for eleven years. And there, friends, is the big reason for the fact that they have plenty of room.

No, we just do not have the biggest and best Sunday school without a program of training for our workers. It doesn't work in any other field, and it doesn't work in a Sunday school. It is time well spent when we train our people.

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GIVE!

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The shocking testimony given in the recent Pitts trial in Jackson should convince others, church people in particular, of the need of a more aggressively Christian approach to and program for young people today. Any church which does not have as one of its majors the providing of spiritual help for young people is a decaying and dying church. We believe it is high time to quit "piddling around" and to start supplementing the good influences of Christian homes or substituting for and counteracting the evil influences of unChristian homes by an all-out, BIG effort to reach our young people for Christ and His church. If this trial doesn't wake us up, what will?

... Miss. Baptists should spend \$50,000 through their Convention Board each year on Student Work. Among others, there should be Student Secretaries in Jackson, Raymond, Wesson, Senatobia, Booneville, and Goodman soon. ... We hope to send out several Student Missionaries this coming summer. How many we send will depend on how much money we receive by Feb. 1 in this office. Fields will be open in Hawaii, Alaska, San Andres, California, as far as we know. GIVE ... The next meeting of the State BSU Council is scheduled for 12:30 p. m., Jan. 21, at the Baptist Building. ... Vocational Emphasis Week is suggested to begin Jan. 8, ending with Life Commitment Day Jan. 15. Let go and let God have His way in your vocation and influence others to do so. ... Charles Wellborn, well-known to BSUs, is to speak every Sunday from Jan. 1 to March 26 over the Southwide Baptist Hour. Don't miss him. ... Students who feel the Lord would have them work in Youth Revivals next summer, and pas-

tors whose churches want Youth Revivals are requested to write us about them anytime. ... One of our year's objectives is to get every Baptist student to be a regular reader of the Baptist Student, Baptist Record, Between the Lines, and Light. Has this goal been reached on your campus? ... From Delta State, we are reported unsaved, and a new dormitory prayer meeting has been started recently. ... On our way to the Student Secretaries Seminar in Nashville, we were shown through the beautiful and commodious new Student Center at MSCW by Student Sec'y. Gwen Boyer. The Center is the best of its kind for the cost we've seen. Wish we had seven \$30,000 to get one of these near seven of our campuses. Miss. has only three Student Centers, including this one. We need about 15 more. La. Baptists are building a \$200,000 one at L. S. U. That much money would give us a half-dozen. ... Doctors Brearley, of Peabody, and Binkley and Fuller, of Louisville Seminary, were outstanding at our Nashville Seminar. Much was learned and the fellowship was great. The memorial service in honor of Dr. Frank Leavell was a real blessing. Our hearts have been greatly blessed by the Christian reach of Mrs. Leavell and other members of the family in their bereavement. ... you don't receive the Jan. Miscellany Jan. 15, let us know. ... Student Secretaries: register (\$1.00 each) for the E. A. at First Church, Meridian, Feb. 1-3, in this office by Jan. 15, the deadline. ... Jones Jr. and Blue Mtn. from looks of the programs, had good Student Night at Christmas programs recently. Many of our Miss. churches had the programs Christmas night ...

KEEN SUCCEEDS BANKSTON EAST CHURCH EXPRESSES APPRECIATION OF PASTOR

Rev. H. E. Keen has been called and has accepted the pastorate of the Slayden Church. He will succeed Rev. R. O. Bankston, who has served the church for the past four years.

The Rev. Mr. Keen is serving as pastor of the Palestine Church in Rankin county. After graduating from Mississippi College in January, he, his wife and two children will move from Clinton to Slayden, where they will live in the Slayden parsonage. According to Boyd Watkins, church treasurer, the parsonage is now being painted and redecorated, awaiting the coming of the new pastor.

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Harrington Leaves Tchula; Is Calhoun Missionary

After serving as pastor of the Tchula Church for four and one-half years, Rev. S. B. Harrington has resigned and accepted the position of Associational Missionary for the Calhoun County Association. He succeeds Rev. Carmen Savell who recently went to the pastorate of the Merigold Church.

During the pastorate of Mr. Harrington at Tchula, total gifts amounted to approximately \$36,000, the church building was completely renovated, gas heat installed and many added to the membership roll.

According to one of the members of the Tchula Church, Mrs. L. J. Slay, Mr. Harrington is a thoughtful preacher, a pastor who loves his people, a sincere and loyal friend.

Hebron Church Has Business Meeting

Hebron Church had a meeting of its Sunday School officers and teachers and Training Union workers on December 16. Following a supper and fellowship, reports were given on the growth of the work.

Welson Pickering, Sunday School superintendent, called attention to his report to the fact that within the past three years the Sunday School had increased by 300 per cent. Harold Hilbun, Training Union director and Mrs. Longino Reddochx, W. M. U. president, reported progress in their work.

Horace Headrick, guest speaker was introduced by Pastor T. Fant and delivered a heart-warming and challenging address to the members present.

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SOMETHING FOR BAPTISTS TO THINK ABOUT

By LOUIE D. NEWTON, D. D.

A Baptist layman called me on the telephone and told me about a little girl, seven years old, born into a Baptist family that had gone to pieces, and the little girl has been in a Roman Catholic boarding home in a southern city for the past two years.

This layman called me to know where he could place the child in a Baptist boarding home and school. He had to tell him that we do not have such an institution in Georgia. I asked why. And I submit that the question is something for our people to think about.

Sunday School Lesson

Prepared By BRACEY CAMPBELL
January 8

THE CHURCH EMPOWERED, Acts 2.
Exhortation: Please read the chapter!
I. PREPARATION

Luke the Historian tells us that he is now, in the pamphlet called the Book of Acts, to continue the wonderful story he told us in the Gospel of Luke. In that writing he told us somewhat of the story of the historic Christ, the Christ who, coming as the Babe of Bethlehem, grew to manhood in Nazareth, was baptized by John and lived out the period of His ministry in His native land, climaxing that period with His redeeming death and justifying resurrection, and ascending to the right hand of the throne of God.

But this ascension had been accomplished only after He had given commandment to His disciples that they were to wait in Jerusalem for the coming of Himself in the person of the spirit of God, who would so identify Christ with them that they would thenceforth continue the work of Christ on earth, which work had been temporarily interrupted by His death.

So Luke regards his gospel story of Jesus as a record of what Jesus began to do and to teach while here in His human body, and the Book of Acts as a record (only partially complete, of course) of what Jesus, from His throne of power, continued to do and to teach as He lived His life in His disciples, looking through their eyes, walking with their feet, speaking with their tongues, working with their hands, loving with their hearts.

So He bade them tarry for the empowering, and they tarried for a period of ten days, praying and performing the duties of members of His body just as He had commanded them. They got together, they no doubt strengthened one another by testimonies as to the presence with them of the love of the Lord, of the assurance that He would make sure to them His every promise and carry them through every trial. They continued in prayer and continued in prayer till selfish motives were all melted out of their hearts, and a selfless desire succeeded, a desire that they might see the glory of their Lord and King come uppermost in the world. Perhaps the greatest effect of this ten-days-long prayer meeting was one of reflex upon the hearts of these disciples. By the channel of prayer they brought themselves into such a unity of spirit and desire that the Lord could send upon the whole company this unspeakable gift of the Holy Spirit.

Many a time do we plead with God for a blessing we are not fit to receive. Many a time we want to wear a wedding garment without laying aside the garment that is stained with sin. Many a time we desire what we choose to call a blessing when it is only a gratification of some lust after the selfish for which we pray. But these people were in a state of willingness for the Lord to have His way, and when that state of willingness was achieved, God was ready! Of course He was; He always is.

II. TRANSFORMATION

Pentecost—the fiftieth day after the first day of the Passover feast—a time of solemn thanksgiving, when the first fruits of the completed harvest were offered to God. The long-continued season of prayer was now to bear fruit. They were together “When suddenly there came from heaven a sound like a terrific blast of wind, and it filled the whole house where they were sitting. And they saw tongues like flames of fire separating and resting on their heads, one to each of them, and they were all filled with the Holy Spirit, and began to speak



DR. EUAL LAWSON

Shown above is Dr. Eual Lawson, Superintendent of Evangelism of New Mexico Baptists, who will deliver a series of addresses at the Central Mississippi Pastors' Institute, Newton, January 30-February 3. He has done a remarkable work in preparation for the 1950 Evangelistic Campaign. He substituted for Dr. C. E. Matthews at Main Street Church, Hattiesburg, in the recent simultaneous revival campaign in Lebanon Association.

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Dr. W. A. Bell Passes At Durant

Dr. W. A. Bell, a former pastor of First Church, Hattiesburg, died late Tuesday, December 27, in Winona.

Funeral services were from the Winona Church.

His death brought to a close two decades of fruitful service in the church.

Dr. Bell was born in Enid in 1898. His family moved to Senatobia where he was reared. He was working for the Illinois Central railway as an auditor in Winona when he surrendered to the

in foreign languages as the Spirit granted them to utter divine things.”

The sound and the tongues of fire were symbols; the sound appealing to hearing, the flames or tongues, appealing to sight. This latter a symbol of plurality and a unity—a plurality of persons united into one by the one Lord. The tongues were many, but the fire was one. And the Spirit, symbolized this once at Pentecost by the sound and the flame, filled them with the life and power of Christ, and thus with a great unearthly joy.

III. THE ATTESTATION

“This is the Lord's doing, and it is marvelous in our sight.” The disciples spoke and all the gathered and wondering multitude understood. The multitude gathered at the sound and the report of the disciples gathered there. Then to the multitude the disciples spoke. And the multitude was filled with wonder, except the ubiquitous “wise guy.” He has the answers, “They are running over with new wine.”

But Peter stood up and raising his voice, where he could be heard, said, “Let me explain this to you.” Then Peter preached for quite a spell, and this is his sermon:

I. Jesus of Nazareth is a Man. He was a good man. (Do not forget that He was and is a man. This parenthesis is the editor's note.) This man, this good man, you murdered.

II. Jesus of Nazareth Raised up. God raised this man from the dead, and this proves Him to be a righteous man. You killed Him; God made Him live again.

III. Jesus of Nazareth exalted. God raised this man to His right hand, and this shows Him to be more than man. God has made this Man who you murdered both Lord and Christ. Peter preached, God attested his witness, 3,000 souls were added to the Body of Christ on earth that day.

MC Students Support Endowment; Plan To Give \$5,000 By June

The Student Body of Mississippi College accepted the challenge of Dr. Preston James to undertake, through their own efforts, to increase the endowment of the college by at least \$5,000 by commencement of this year.

Dr. James, professor of history at Miss. College, offered the challenge in a December chapel talk and he appealed to the unity of the student body. In the first student chapel service following the challenge, it was accepted almost unanimously and a plan was devised whereby each of the approximately 900 students is to save three cents a day for 180 days, which will result in \$5.40 and when multiplied will reach the minimum quota. Banks have been placed in each dormitory room for this purpose. Periodic collections will be taken.

A special fund has been designated into which all donations will be accepted: The Student Fund for Mississippi College Endowment. The funds are deposited in the Clinton Bank in a special account. The fund reached \$200 before the holidays.

President Nelson is speaking of this move on the part of the students says:

“The action of the Student Body . . . means the dissemination of their enthusiasm over wide areas impelling multitudes to follow their worthy example. The president of the College is grateful beyond expression for this far reaching action of the Student Body.”

ministry.

The First Church of Winona ordained him to the Gospel ministry in 1927. He received his B. A. degree from Mississippi College, his Th. M. degree from Southern Theological Seminary in Louisville, Kentucky, and his Th. D. degree from the New Orleans Theological Seminary.

Dr. Bell held three pastorates during his ministry: Ruleville; Parkway Church, Jackson, and the First Church, Hattiesburg. He was the Mississippi Foreign Mission Board member and also a member of the Education Commission of the Mississippi Baptist Convention.

In 1947, Dr. Bell delivered the Mississippi Baptist Convention sermon.

He is survived by his widow; his mother, Mrs. Cora M. Bell, Senatobia; two sisters, Mrs. Claude Veazey, Senatobia, and Mrs. Alvin Allnutt, New Albany; and a brother, Roy H. Bell, Senatobia.

The Rev. C. B. Hamlett, Winona, was in charge of the funeral services, with the Rev. W. R. Cooper, retired minister of Jackson, officiating. Evans Gremillion, Jr., rendered special vocal music. Dr. Bell was converted under the preaching of Dr. W. R. Cooper and Mr. Gremillion was converted under Dr. Bell's preaching.

Deacons and former deacons of his pastorates were honorary pallbearers.

Active pallbearers were Joe Brickell and Henry Dean, both of Senatobia; Dr. Nat Tracy, Ruleville; Dr. G. Norman Price, Jackson; Dr. J. H. Kyzar, Greenwood; and Lloyd Holmes, Winona.



Mr. C. C. Elsey, Aurora, Missouri will be available for revival meetings after Jan. 1, 1950. He has had many years experience directing music and leading in evangelistic campaigns. He was for many years with The Home Mission Board. Write him direct to above address or in care of E. N. Elsey, Box 55, Clinton, Mississippi.

THE BAPTIST RECORD HAS received a copy of the minutes of the Lebanon Association, which met at Petal Harvey Church. The next meeting will be on October 10, 1950, at Providence Church. The minutes have been well prepared and the printers did a good job. Rev. J. W. Wood is the moderator and Dr. T. W. Talkington is the Clerk.

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1950 WORLD CONGRESS PROGRAM RELEASED IN PART

The preliminary program of the next Baptist World Congress, scheduled for July 22-27, 1950, in Cleveland, Ohio, has been released from Baptist World Alliance Headquarters in Washington, and gives promise of a highly profitable and interesting time.

The Congress Theme is taken from the prologue to John's Gospel: "And the Light shineth in the Darkness." The Light motif runs through the program from the first day to the last. The Keynote address at the opening session on Saturday afternoon, July 22, is on the subject: "I am the Light of the World." The closing address on the last forenoon of the Congress, Thursday July 27, will be from the text: "Ye are the Light of the World." In between will be found subjects like "The Light of Peace," "The Light of Liberty," "The Light of Education," etc.

Following the lines of the Keynote address, there will be a devotional speech at the opening of each morning session, Monday through Thursday, on four other "I am's of Christ: 'I am the Door,' 'I am the Way,' 'I am the Truth,' 'I am the Resurrection and the Life.'"

Among the other subjects for addresses we might mention "Christianity in the Atomic Age"; "The Basic Freedom"; "The Importance of Europe in the World Picture"; "Totalitarianism and the Individual Conscience"; "Christian Light on Human Relationships"; "Baptism in Present Day Theology"; "Evangelism Today"; "Every Baptist a Missionary"; "The Missionary Outlook Today"; "The New Testament the Common Basis of Baptist Fellowship"; "The Body of Christ"; "The Christ of Every Day," etc.

Speakers who are at this moment definitely expected to give addresses at one of the plenary sessions are Dr. M. E. Aubrey, General Secretary of the Baptist Union of Great Britain and Ireland; Dr. Baker J. Cauthen, Secretary for the Orient of the Foreign Mission Board of the Southern Baptist Convention; Dr. E. T. Dahlberg, twice President of the Northern Baptist Convention; Dr. Herbert Gezork of Andover-Newton Theological School, Massachusetts, who is considered especially qualified to speak on the subject of Totalitarianism; Rev. W. L. Jarvis, prominent preacher of Sidney, Australia; Dr. Kenneth S. Latourette of Yale University, Connecticut, world-historian and specialist on missions; Dr. Robert G. Lee, of Tennessee, eminent preacher, and twice President of the Southern Baptist Convention; Dr. F. Townley Lord, pastor of Bloomsbury Central Church, London, editor of the "Baptist Times," and past-president of the British Baptist Union; Dr. Benjamin Mays, of Moorehouse College, Georgia, prominent educationalist and leader among the colored Baptists of the U. S. A.; Dr. Robert J. McCracken, of Scotland, Canada and the U. S. A., who not long ago gave that remarkable sermon on "The Lordship of Jesus" at a session of the Northern Baptist Convention; Dr. M. F. McCutcheon of Montreal, President of the Baptist Federation of Canada; Principal Johannes Norgaard, Denmark, honored host of the Copenhagen Congress in 1947; Professor Ernest Payne, Regent's Park College, Oxford, England, already prominent

as a theologian; Dr. E. McNeill Poteat, formerly president of Colgate-Rochester Theological School, now pastor in North Carolina; Rev. Henri Vincent of Paris, pastor of the Avenue du Main Church and trusted leader of French Baptists; President W. R. White, of Baylor University, Texas, the largest Baptist school in the world.

Later on we shall be able to speak more of special features on the program, the numerous sectional meetings, and the work of the seven Commissions.

This time we shall just mention that all plenary sessions of the Congress, with the exception of the great Stadium demonstration on Saturday evening, will be held in the City Auditorium, which seats from fifteen to seventeen thousand people.

The President of the United States is expected to speak in the Stadium on that night of the first day. A great choir of four to five thousand voices will sing. A never-to-be-forgotten feature that evening will be the Roll Call and March of Nations.

The Presidential address of Dr. C. Oscar Johnson, President of the Baptist World Alliance, will be given Sunday afternoon. The Congress Sermon by Dr. M. E. Aubrey is scheduled for Monday evening. The great Pageant on "The Light of Liberty" will be given on Tuesday night. Missionary night, which features short addresses by nationals from various parts of the world, will be on Wednesday. At a number of meetings "World Glimpses" of three to four minutes each will bring us messages from many parts of our Fellowship scattered throughout six continents and sixty countries. The whole program will come to a fitting close with the induction of the new President, and the Coronation Address on Thursday evening.

—BR—

New Life For The New Year

By REV. M. D. MORTON

Life Is a Journey.

I will live it trustingly.

"Though I walk through the valley of the shadow . . . I will fear no evil, Thou art with me." (Psa. 23:4.)

Life Is a Task.

I will live it obediently.

"We keep His commandments, and do those things that are pleasing in His sight." (1 John 3:22.)

Life Is a Mission.

I will live it helpfully.

"Be kind to one another, tender-hearted, forgiving one another." (Eph. 4:32.)

Life Is a Contest.

I will live it earnestly.

"Watch ye, stand fast in the faith, quit ye like men, be strong." (1 Cor. 16:13.)

Life Is a Battle.

I will live it courageously.

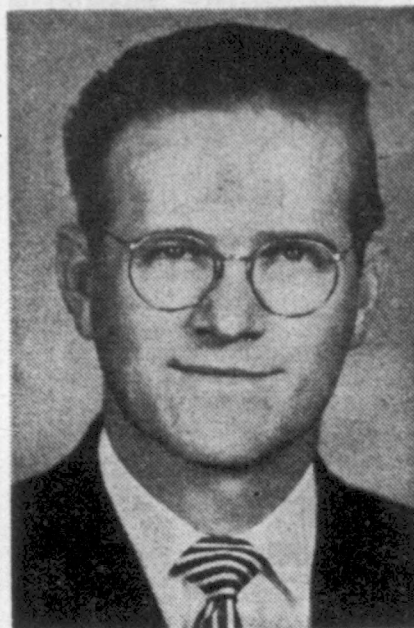
"Be strong and of a good courage; be not afraid; for the Lord thy God is with thee." (Josh. 1:9.)

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THE BAPTIST RECORD APPRECIATES a copy of the minutes of the Perry County Association. Rev. J. H. Cothen, Jr., is the moderator and Rev. Luther K. Turner is the associational secretary. The minutes are well prepared and the printers did a good job.

THE BAPTIST RECORD GREATLY appreciates a nice list of new subscriptions from Friendship Church, Oktibbeha County. The list was sent by Mrs. Erwin Jones, church clerk.

CUTRELL BEGINS WORK AT CALHOUN CITY, FIRST



REV. C. H. CUTRELL

Rev. C. H. Cutrell has accepted the pastorate of the First Church, Calhoun City, and moved on the field the middle of December. He came to the church from the pastorate of the Eudora (Arkansas) Church, where he had served six years and is a past moderator of the Delta Association there.

Mr. Cutrell is a graduate of Ouachita College and an alumnus of the New Orleans Seminary.

Working with him in the new field are his wife and two children, Jan, 9, and Jimmy, 6.

—BR—

MINISTER FINDS THE TRUE CHRISTMAS SPIRIT

CLEVELAND—(RNS)—What is the true Christmas spirit?

The Rev. Paul H. Kubik, minister of Euclid Immanuel Baptist church here, believes he has found the answer.

He found it, he said, when the teacher of a Jewish school in the suburbs came to him with a request to help a needy family at Christmas.

"If you'll tell us of the needs, my pupils and I will do the rest," he promised. "But please make our gift anonymous. We want it that way."

Mr. Kubik told his visitor of a family in desperate need because the father and mother have been seriously ill and their three children, five to nine years old, are without the bare necessities.

Shortly afterward, the Jewish teacher came to the parsonage with his arms full of toys for the children. Later on he returned with a large turkey and a basket full of groceries.

"I know of no finer example of the true Christmas spirit," Mr. Kubik said.

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Communists Call Off Anti-Christmas Propaganda

BERLIN—(RNS)—The central secretariat of the Socialist Unity (Communist) Party directed executives of the various Laender in the Soviet occupation zone to halt all anti-Christmas propaganda.

Functionaries violating this order, the directive warned, will be liable to disciplinary action.

"The bourgeoisie traditions," the directive stated, "are still too strongly rooted in the population," and therefore festivals like Christmas and Easter cannot yet be given a "progressive" character.

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Santa Claus Visits Home Mission Board

By MILDRED DUNN

Santa made a delayed but welcome visit to the Home Mission Board, bringing an anonymous gift of \$8,020 on Tuesday morning following Christmas. Employees of the Board, who had just returned from the Christmas holidays, were excited to learn that the morning mail brought a small package containing eight envelopes, each filled with \$1,000. One had an extra \$20 in it.

The package was addressed to the Executive Secretary-Treasurer of the Board and the money was in bills ranging from \$5 to \$500. There was no message with the money and no indication as to the identity of the donor.

Dr. J. B. Lawrence, executive secretary-treasurer of the Board, explained that since no instructions for the use of the money had been given, it would be deposited to the account of the Board and be used in the regular expenses of mission work.

"We are grateful for this gift," he said, "and pray that we may use the money wisely."

In the same mail the Board received a check for \$20,000 for investment in an annuity in the church building loan department. This will enable the Board to help some church or churches in their building problems.

A few days before Christmas Dr. James W. Middleton, pastor of the First Baptist Church of Atlanta, Georgia, came to the office of the Home Mission Board with a check for \$450 to be sent as a Christmas gift to the church at Ketchikan, Alaska. This was to be the final payment on the lot for the new church building there. The initial payment was made by the Atlanta church last summer when Dr. Middleton with four other Southern Baptist preachers were sent by the Home Board on a preaching tour in Alaska. Dr. Middleton preached at Ketchikan.

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Birmingham Baptists Defeat Federal Aid Plan

BIRMINGHAM, Ala.—(RNS)—By a vote of 380 to 337, a special meeting of the Birmingham Baptist Association defeated a recommendation that the Association seek federal aid for expanding its hospital here.

The recommendation, made earlier by the Association's executive board, would have authorized the hospital's trustees to secure federal funds on a loan basis to enlarge the hospital's capacity from 180 beds to 380. If the federal funds had been secured or promised, the trustees had expected to be able to raise up to \$900,000 by volunteer subscriptions and by private borrowing.

The local hospital, which was operated by the Alabama Baptist Convention, was recently returned to the Birmingham Baptist Association to which it originally belonged, because funds were lacking for expansion.

By voting against accepting federal aid, the Association reaffirmed an action of the Alabama Baptist Convention which in November rejected a proposal to apply for federal funds to enlarge its hospitals. At that time, opponents of federal aid expressed the conviction that the move would violate the principles of Church-State separation.